



Andover Town Report 2017

This year's Town Report features Andover's American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post #101. On the next page you'll find a brief history of the Post; throughout the rest of the Town Report you'll find photos of Post members engaged in the many events and activities that the Post participates in with the community.

AMERICAN LEGION CROSBY-GILBERT POST 101

The Beginning

Application for charter is dated 1947 and lists names of those interested in becoming members of the Post. Most or all were World War II veterans who started the Post. They took the name of Crosby-Gilbert Post 101.

Leon Crosby was a World War I veteran who was killed in 1918. His grave is in the Proctor Cemetery in Andover.

James Gilbert entered the service in 1940 and was assigned to the Philippines. Unfortunately, he was caught up in the Bataan Death March and died as a prisoner of war. He is memorialized in a cemetery there.

We are proud of the names that signify our American Legion Post in Andover, and if anyone has information about the lives or service of these two veterans, we would greatly appreciate receiving it.

The Early Years

The Post owned and operated an activity center on Cilleyville Road near the former RP Johnson and Son location. The Post sponsored various programs, patriotic as well as community service, such as sponsoring Boy Scouts and drum and bugle corps and many other programs.

Membership in the Post was once as high as 71 but declined over the years until there were only eight members in a very inactive post.

The Recent Years

In 2014, the American Legion challenged the Post to increase membership to 15 or turn in our charter. Four of us at the last meeting decided to accept the challenge and save the Post.

We called or contacted every veteran we knew and encouraged them to join our Post. The response was very good, and our Post membership grew back to over 30 members.

Activities have increased to annual events:

- May 30, Memorial Day: Flags placed on veterans' graves
- June 14, Flag Day: Honoring our country's flag by respectful disposal of worn flags

- July 4, Independence Day: Parade and ceremonies
- September 11, 9/11 Day: Support Andover Elementary/Middle school program
- November 11, Veterans Day: Support the activities at AE/MS
- December 25, Christmas: Assist the Marines collecting for Toys for Tots

Other projects:

- Placing flags at the covered bridges, the Town Hall, and Proctor Cemetery
- Providing food baskets for needy veterans and others.
- Collecting food for the Andover Food Pantry
- Assisting the Andover Lions Club in operating the Andover Food Pantry
- The Post is working on placing a permanent chair in town to honor POW/MIA
- Any other patriotic activities that are appropriate.

God bless America!

The American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Andover Fire Department's back room at 7 PM.

Veterans are welcome and encouraged to join us.

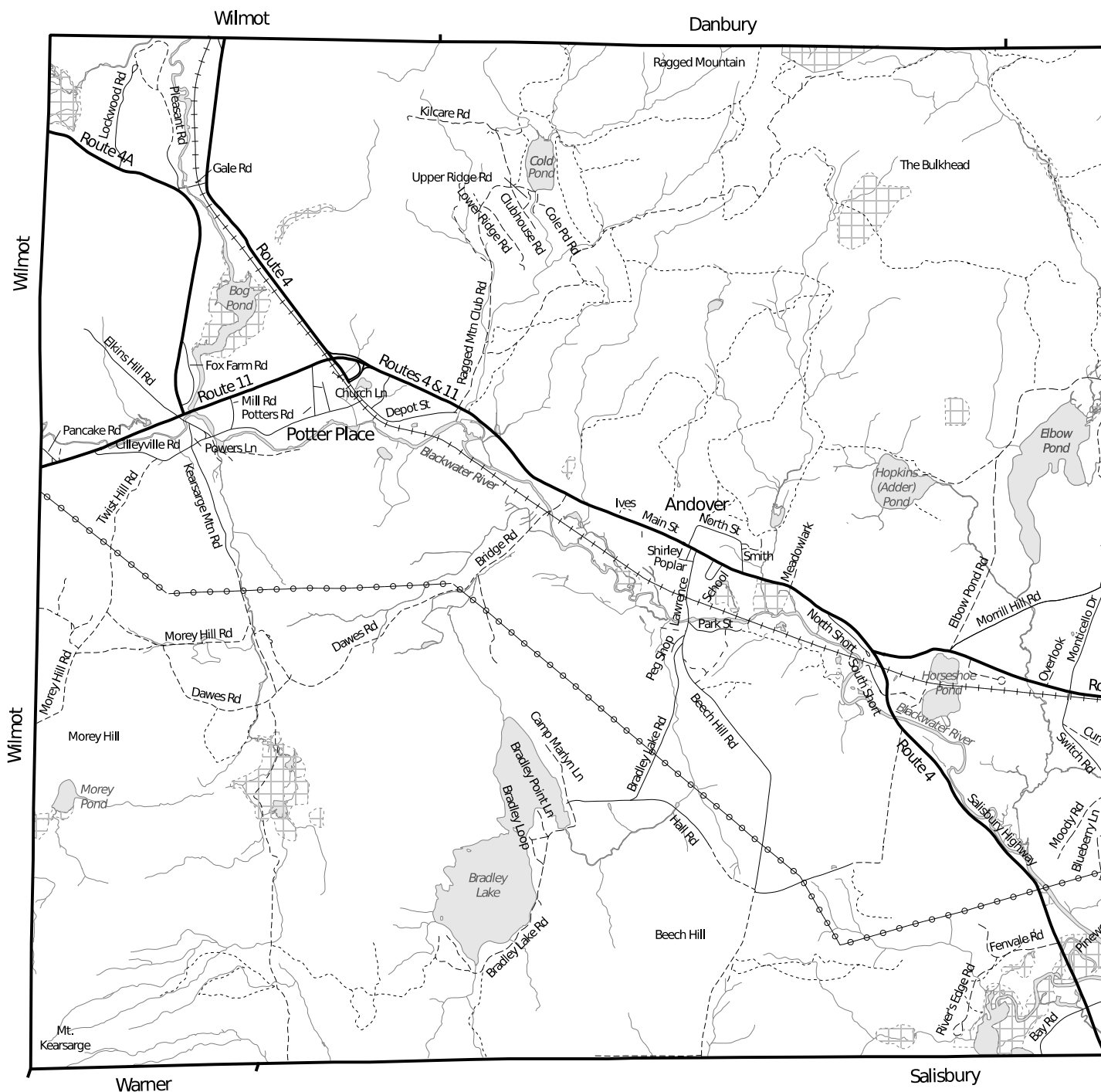
For information, call Post Commander Bill Leber at 735-5144 or 533-6679, or Adjutant John Hanscom at 748-0944.

On the front cover: Levi Southworth, Lloyd Perreault, Bill Leber, and Skip Powers were among the Post 101 members who helped erect a lighted flag pole at the Town Hall.

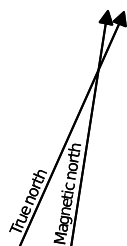
On the back cover: Skip Powers, Richard Powers (in baseball cap), Lloyd Perreault, and Don Clendenen were among the Post 101 members who helped install a flagpole and flag at the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge.

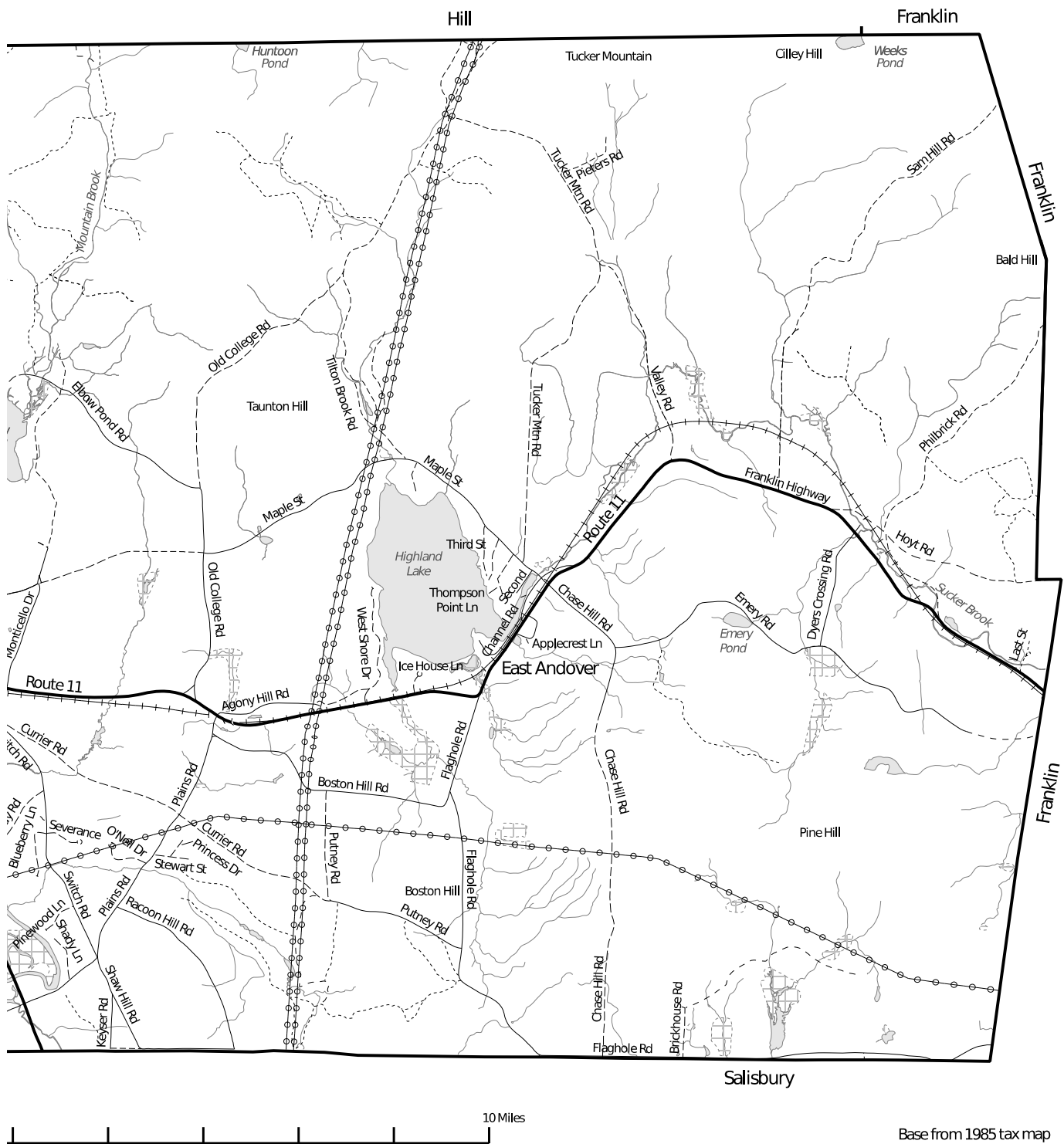
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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The year in parentheses is the year in which the person's term expires.

TOWN OFFICERS, MEMBERS, and EMPLOYEES

SELECT BOARD

elected for three-year term

Vicky Mishcon, Chair (2019)

James Delaney, Sr. (2018)

David Blinn (2019)

TOWN OFFICE

hired by the Select Board

Marjorie Roy, Town Administrator

Elita Reed, Bookkeeper/Accountant

Lois Magenau, Secretary

ROAD AGENT

elected for two-year term

John Thompson (2018)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

hired by the Select Board

Joseph P. Mahoney III, Chief

Bruce Clough

Timothy Dow

Michael "Dan" Mori

Daniel C. Shaw

Patricia Moyer, Secretary

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

appointed by the Select Board

Jane Hubbard, Director

Christine Braley, Deputy Director

BOARD OF HEALTH and OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Select Board

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

elected for six-year term

Arthur C. Urie (2018)

Doug Phelps (2020)

Janet Splan (2022)

TREASURER

elected for two-year term

Shirley H. Currier (2018)

TOWN MODERATOR

elected for two-year term

Daniel Coolidge (2018)

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

elected for three-year term

Joanna Sumner (2019)

appointed by Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Bonnie Wesley, Deputy

BUDGET COMMITTEE

elected for three-year term

Arch Weathers, Chair (2018)

James Delaney, *ex officio*

Mark Heller, *ex officio*

Edwin Hiller (2019)

Mary Anne Levesque,

Recording Secretary (2019)

Chris Norris (2020)

Nancy Teach (2018)

Morgan Salathe (2020)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

elected for three-year term

Janet Moore (2019), Chair

Alita Phelps (2020)

Susan Chase (2019)

Barbara Freeman (2018)

Caroline Moulton-Ratzki (2018)

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

elected for three-year term

Joanne Edgar, Chair (2020)

Alex Estin (2019)

Sarah Whitehead (2018)

PLANNING BOARD

appointed by the Select Board

for three-year term

Nancy Teach, Chair (2021)

David Blinn, *ex officio*

Randall Costa, Vice Chair (2020)

Doug Phelps (2020)

Paul Currier (2021)

Art Urie (2020)

Jon Warzocha, (2019)

Lisa Meier, Secretary

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

appointed by the Select Board

for three-year term

Dan Coolidge, Chair (2018)

Jeff Bushey (2020)

Duncan Coolidge (2019)

Todd Goings (2019)

Jeff Newcomb (2020)

Julie Rector (2020)

Lisa Meier, Secretary

PLANNING & ZONING COORDINATOR

Patricia Moyer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Patricia Moyer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

appointed by the Select Board

Mary Anne Broshek, Chair (2018)

Laurence Chase (2018)

Tina Cotton (2020)

Gerald Hersey, Vice Chair (2019)

Nancy "Nan" Kaplan (2020)

Derek Mansell (2019)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PLANNING COMMITTEE

appointed by the Select Board

Doug Phelps, Chair

Todd Goings

Chuck Keyser, Vice Chair

Bill Leber

Vicky Mishcon

Marjorie Roy

TRANSFER STATION

hired by the Select Board

Reggie Roy, Supervisor

Debra Guinard, Attendant

Peter Hinckley, Attendant

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

elected for three-year term

Pat Cutter (2019)

Jim Reed (2018)

Bill Keyser (2019)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

appointed by the Select Board

Tom Frantz, Chair

Scott Allenby

Chris Cloutier

Andrew Donaldson

Alan Hanscom, Treasurer

Jen Hauser

Heidi Murphy

Sue Norris

Brian Reynolds, Vice Chair
Kurt Weber

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

appointed by the Select Board
Doug Phelps, Chair
Betty Adams
Jen Bent
Mike Elveth
Donna Fortune French
Beth Frost
Michelle Gage
Lynn George
Shawna Otis
Judy Perreault
Alita Phelps, Secretary
Marj Roy

Jeannette Shedd
Jane Slayton, Vice Chair
Steve Smith
Wood Sutton, Treasurer
Rose Tilton
Bob Ward

PROCTOR/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE

appointed by Select Board/Proctor
Alex Estin, Chair
Scott Allenby
Bill Bardsley
Bill Bates
John Cotton
Annie MacKenzie
John Ferris
Mike Henriques

Karl Methven
Vicky Mishcon

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

appointed by the State Forester
Stephen AJ Barton, Sr. 848-3346

DEPUTY WARDENS

Chuck Ellis 848-0678
Fred Lance 735-5122
Rene Lefebvre 934-2197
Jeff Miller
Jake Otis

AUDITORS

hired by the Select Board
Plodzick & Sanderson

DISTRICT AND PRECINCT OFFICERS

ANDOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board elected on Town
Meeting day for three-year term
Michelle Dudek, Chair (2018)
Dean Barker (2019)
Brian Gilman (2020)
Mark Heller, Vice Chair (2018)
Annie MacKenzie (2019)
District Officers elected on Town
Meeting day for one-year term
Betsy Paine, Moderator (2018)

Christie Coll, Clerk (2018)
Shirley Currier, Treasurer (2018)

ANDOVER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

elected at District Meeting
Andy Guptill (2019)
John Kinney (2017)
Fred Lance, Clerk/Treasurer (2017)
Mark Stetson, Moderator (2017)

EAST ANDOVER FIRE PRECINCT

elected at Precinct Meeting
Glenn Haley (2019)

Greg Stetson (2020)
Scott Kidder (2018)
JoAnn Hicks, Moderator (2018)
Edwin Hiller, Auditor (2018)

ANDOVER VILLAGE DISTRICT

elected at District Meeting
Lisa Meier, Clerk/Treasurer (2019)
Toby Locke (2018)
Joseph Vercellotti (2019)
Vacant (2020)

ANDOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Rene Lefebvre, Chief
Stephen Barton, Deputy Chief
Chuck Ellis, Deputy Chief
Scott Davis, Lieutenant
William MacDuffie, Lieutenant
Glenn Haley, Engineer
Tim Eltzroth, Engineer
Brandon Adams, Firefighter

Carter Atwood, Firefighter
Stephen (AJ) Barton Jr, Firefighter
Timothy Barton, Firefighter
Jeffrey Bradish, Firefighter
William Demers, Firefighter
David Grant, Firefighter
Andrew Guptill, Firefighter
Scott Kidder, Firefighter

Fred Lance, Treasurer
Diana Miller, Firefighter
Jeffrey Miller, Firefighter
Jake Otis, Firefighter
Andrew Perkins, Firefighter
Stewart Randall, Firefighter

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

John Kinney, Chief, EMT
Jeffrey Clark, Captain, A-EMT
Stephen Fecteau, Paramedic
Philip Hackmann, A-EMT
Jason Jenkins, A-EMT

Scott Kidder, student
Rene Lefebvre, EMT
William MacDuffie, EMT
Jeffrey Miller, EMT
Diane Miller, student

Jake Otis, student
Andrew Perkins, A-EMT
Greg Stetson, Deputy Chief, A-EMT
Chris Young, EMT

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NH HOUSE

Rep. Natalie Wells (2018)
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US SENATE

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Hassan.Senate.gov

US SENATE

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (2020)
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A Note About Pennies in the Town Report

In order to make everything as easy to read as possible, we've eliminated pennies throughout the Town Report by rounding each figure (including totals) to the nearest dollar. That means that in some cases, a total may appear to be off by a dollar or two from what it appears that it should be. Rest assured, however, that no figure, not even a total, is off by more than 50¢ from the exact figure that was reported.



Andover's American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 provided food baskets for needy area veterans during the 2017 holidays. Pictured are Don Clendenen, John Hanscom, Lloyd Perreault, Ron Evans, and Skip Powers. Photo: Michelle Keezer

TOWN OF ANDOVER WARRANT

Town Meeting, March 13, 2018, 7 PM

The polls will be open from 11 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Articles 1 through 6, below, will be voted on during polling hours. Town Meeting begins after the polls close at 7 PM.

ARTICLE 1: Choose Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot vote during polling hours.)

ARTICLE 2: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 1 removes the requirement for obtaining a building permit for storage trailers, storage, containers, fabric-covered garages and prefabricated carports without a foundation, and replaces it with a requirement to register such structures with the Zoning Administrator. (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 3: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 2 adds provisions to the Zoning Ordinance so that building permits may be issued for so-called tiny houses in all districts except Village and Forest Agriculture districts. (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 4: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No.

Fund Balance

For the year-end balance of any trust fund, see the Trustee of Trust Funds Report on page 21. For the year-end balance of revolving funds, see the Revolving Funds Report on page 20.

Notice

The Town of Andover warrant and budget published here were the best available as of press time; they are not necessarily the official documents that will be presented at Town Meeting. The official documents will be posted by Monday, February 26, 2018 at the following locations:

- outside the AE/MS gym (the town polling place)
- at the Town Office
- at the town Post Offices
- on the Town Web site at Andover-NH.gov

3 revises the section in the Zoning Ordinance relative to Board of Adjustment powers for variances to be consistent with current state law. (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 5: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 4 revises and expands the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance in the Preamble to be consistent with state law and to incorporate the Guiding Principles of the Master Plan. (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 6: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 5 removes the requirement that the Planning Board find a site to be appropriate for the proposed use before the Board of Adjustment can approve a special exception and rewrites the criteria for “additional” (now designated “unlisted”) special exceptions as well as requiring a finding that all additional criteria are met. (By ballot vote during polling hours. By law, this amendment cannot be voted on during Town Meeting.)

The minutes for last year’s Town Meeting begin on page 64.

ARTICLE 7: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,829,127 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 8: Purchase Real Property

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the investment in and purchase of two lots known as Lot 11-554-572 and Lot 11-583-541 located on Overlook Avenue to assure continuous source of sand for use by the Town of Andover. These contiguous lots total 11.4+/- acres. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

ARTICLE 9: Contingency Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at

the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 10: Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$288,976 to the following Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) previously established. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Revaluation CRF	\$10,476
Ambulance Replacement CRF	25,000
Highway Grader CRF	15,000
Highway Projects CRF (Old College Rd)	150,000
Police Cruiser CRF	13,500
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	10,000
Bridge Rehabilitation CRF	50,000

ARTICLE 11: Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$46,000 to add to the following Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) previously established. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article.

Moderator's Rules

Welcome to the 2018 Andover Town Meeting.

Warrant articles will be moved by a Selectperson or a member of the Budget Committee, then I will ask for a second from the floor.

All motions will be moved so that a "Yes" vote adopts the motion.

When commenting, please speak into the microphone and start with your name. Please address comments to the moderator.

I will try to give everyone who wishes to comment a chance to speak once before giving someone a second go. Everyone who wishes to speak must get at least one chance to talk before I will recognize a motion to end discussion or call a vote.

After a motion is voted on, I will ask for a motion to restrict reconsideration. If reconsideration restriction is passed, then the motion cannot be revisited for seven days.

Secret/written ballots require a request by five voters present. Please note that these ballots take a lot of time, so consider carefully.

The moderator's job is to neutrally allow our Town Meeting to move forward smoothly. When I err in trying to do my job, please say, "Point of Order," and point out your concern. I will try to explain, but the voters always have the final decision.

A motion to adjourn will be happily accepted after all the warrant articles have been considered.

RSA 40.7 Debate: No person shall speak in any meeting without leave of the moderator, nor when any person speaking is in order, and all persons shall be silent at the desire of the moderator.

Forest Fire Labor ETF	\$5,000
Town Buildings ETF	35,000
Technology ETF	6,000

ARTICLE 12: Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,954 to be added to the Solar Energy Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 13: Transfer the East Andover Fire Station to the Andover Fire Department.

To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to transfer by deed the property currently listed on Map 16, Lot 749, sub-lot 186 (The East Andover Fire Station, 23 Channel Road) to the Andover Fire District #1. The East Andover Fire Precinct conveyed its interest in this property to the town pursuant to a positive vote at its annual meeting in March of 2017. The purpose of the article is to clarify title due to a reversionary clause in the 1980 deed from the town to the East Andover Fire Precinct.

ARTICLE 14: Accept Title to the Town Office Building.


To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept, from the Andover School District, at no cost, the following real property: The buildings at 11 and 31 School Street currently in use as the Municipal Library and the Town Hall, and so much of the surrounding land as is currently used for Town Hall and Municipal Library purposes, which is that

area from the south side of NH State Route 11 to a line parallel to Route 11 and 175 feet south of the Town Hall, and between the eastern and western portions of School Street where it connects to Route 11, to the parking lot on the northerly side of the Andover Elementary/Middle School, being an area of approximately 28,000 square feet, more or less. The Town is currently leasing this real property for \$1/year under a lease agreement that expires in 2050.

ARTICLE 15: Adopt RSA 41:14-a.

To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Select Board to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. The Select Board shall also hold two public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale; provided however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the Select Board, prior to the Select Board's vote, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the Town Meeting. The Select Board's vote shall take place no sooner than 7 days and no later than 14 days after the second public hearing which is held. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 16: Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. 

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDOVER ZONING ORDINANCE

***By law, these proposed amendments must be voted on
BY BALLOT during polling hours, NOT during Town Meeting***

TEXT: (Additions are in ***bold italic***; deletions are in [~~bracketed-strikeout~~])

AMENDMENT 1: Storage Trailers, Storage Containers, Fabric-Covered Garages and Pre-Fabricated Carports. Amendment No. 1 removes the requirement for obtaining a building permit for storage trailers, storage containers, fabric-covered garages, and prefabricated carports without a foundation, and replaces it with a requirement to register such structures with the Zoning Administrator.

1) Amend Article IV GENERAL PROVISIONS. A Definitions as follows:

Structure - Shall mean any combination of any materials, including buildings, whether portable, movable or fixed, having a roof and enclosed with exterior walls or otherwise, built for the shelter of persons or property and/or used for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, religious, recreational, professional or other purposes. For the purposes of interpreting and applying height limitations in this Ordinance only, the term "building" ***or "structure"*** shall also include without limitation communications technology antennae, flagpoles, church steeples, decorative additions to buildings, and signs of all kinds.

2) Amend Article VII BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE as follows:

A. Permit Required:

1. ***Except as provided in 2. Below***, it shall be unlawful to change the nature or extent of any structure, accessory building, use or lot, or to erect, demolish, alter the size or relocate any building, in any district without first obtaining a Building Permit from the Zoning Administrator.
2. ***Storage trailers, storage containers (also called shipping containers or conex boxes), fabric covered garages, and prefabricated carports without a foundation:***
 - a. ***do not require a building permit;***
 - b. ***except as provided in c. below, shall be registered with the Zoning Administrator within 60 days of placement; and***
 - c. ***if in existence on the date this provision is adopted, shall be registered with the Zoning Administrator within six months of the date of adoption.***

3) Amend Article XI GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS by adding the following:

G. Storage trailers, storage containers, and fabric covered garages shall be placed so as to be in compliance with Article IV.F (setbacks) and Article IV.H (height).

EXPLANATION: These structures are becoming more and more common. The current Zoning Ordinance requires a building permit before erecting them or moving them onto a property, just like any other structure. However, this requirement has not been enforced. The proposed amendment would replace the building permit requirement with a requirement that these structures be registered with the Zoning Administrator. There would be no fee for registration. Registration would allow the town to keep track of these structures and to check that they are not placed in violation of setback and height requirements.

AMENDMENT 2: Tiny Houses. Amendment No 2 adds provisions to the Zoning Ordinance so that building permits may be issued for so-called tiny houses in all districts except Village and Forest Agriculture districts”

1) Amend Article XI GENERAL PROVISIONS.

A. Definitions by adding the following definition:

Tiny House – ***A dwelling having a minimum ground floor area of less than four hundred eighty (480) square feet outside measurement.***

2) Amend Article XI GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS as follows:

B. Except for tiny houses, every building to be used as a residence shall have a minimum ground floor area of four hundred eighty (480) square feet outside measurement.

G. Tiny houses shall not be permitted in the Forest and Agriculture or Village Districts. Tiny houses, with or without wheels, shall require a special exception in all other districts.

3) Amend Article V Zoning District Regulations by adding “Tiny houses” to the list of special exceptions in Section B – Agricultural and Residential Districts (Zone AR), Section C – Rural Residential Districts (Zone RR).

EXPLANATION: The Planning Board has recently had inquiries about constructing so-called tiny houses. Under the current Zoning Ordinance, new dwellings with a minimum ground floor area of less than four hundred eighty (480) square feet are prohibited. The proposed amendment would allow special exceptions for dwellings smaller than this in all districts except Village and Forest and Agriculture, where the Planning Board feels that they would be incompatible with the character of the village areas or with rural farm and forest landscapes. All other requirements in the Zoning Ordinance for dwellings would apply.

AMENDMENT 3: Board of Adjustment Powers for Variances. Amendment No. 3 revises the section in the zoning ordinance relative to Board of Adjustment powers for variances to be consistent with current state law.

1) Repeal Article IX BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, Section E Variance, in its entirety and replace it with the following Section E.

E. Variance – As specified in RSA 674:33:

1. *The Board of Adjustment in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as determined by the Board of Adjustment may authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, a variance from the terms of the zoning ordinance if all of the following are satisfied:*
 - a. *The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;*
 - b. *The spirit of the ordinance is observed;*
 - c. *Substantial justice is done;*
 - d. *The values of surrounding properties are not diminished; and*
 - e. *Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.*
2. *For purposes of this section, "unnecessary hardship" means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:*
 - a. *No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property; and*
 - b. *The proposed use is a reasonable one.*
3. *The definition of "unnecessary hardship" set forth in subsection 2 shall apply whether the provision of the ordinance from which a variance is sought is a restriction on use, a dimensional or other limitation on a permitted use, or any other requirement of the ordinance.*
4. *If the criteria in subsection 2 are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.*
5. *Variances authorized under this section shall be valid if exercised within 2 years from the date of final approval, or as further extended by local ordinance or by the zoning board of adjustment for good cause, provided that no such variance shall expire within 6 months after the resolution of a planning application filed in reliance upon the variance.*

6. *Notwithstanding subsection 1, the Board of Adjustment may grant a variance from the terms of a zoning ordinance without finding a hardship arising from the condition of a premises subject to the ordinance when reasonable accommodations are necessary to allow a person or persons with a recognized physical disability to reside in or regularly use the premises, provided that:*
 - a. *Any variance granted under this subsection shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance.*
 - b. *In granting any variance pursuant to this subsection, the Board of Adjustment may provide, in a finding included in the variance, that the variance shall survive only so long as the particular person has a continuing need to use the premises.*
7. *The Board of Adjustment shall not require submission of an application for or receipt of a permit or permits from other state or federal governmental bodies prior to accepting a submission for its review or rendering its decision.*

2) Repeal Article IX BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, Section C Interpretation, in its entirety and replace it with the following Section C:

C. Appeals

1. *The Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide appeals if it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of this ordinance*
2. *In exercising its powers under subsection 1, the Board of Adjustment may reverse or affirm, wholly or in part, or may modify the order, requirement, decision, or determination appealed from and may make such order or decision as ought to be made and, to that end, shall have all the powers of the administrative official from whom the appeal is taken.*
3. *The concurring vote of three (3) members of the Board of Adjustment shall be necessary to reverse any action of the administrative official or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter on which it is required to pass.*

EXPLANATION: State law (RSA 674:33), which prescribes the powers of the Board of Adjustment, was amended in 2013 in consideration of recent Supreme Court decisions. Specifically, the criteria to be used for approval of applications for variances were changed. The proposed amendment repeals the existing language in the Zoning Ordinance relative to variances and replaces it with language consistent with current state law

AMENDMENT 4: Purposes of the Zoning Ordinance. Amendment No 4 revises and expands the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance in the Preamble to be consistent with state law and to incorporate the Guiding Principles of the Master Plan.”

1) Amend the title of Article I to read: ARTICLE I: **PREAMBLE**

2) Amend Article I.A and I.B as follows:

A. [~~Preamble~~]**Authority**

~~Pursuant to the authority conferred by [R.S.A. 31, and for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and the general welfare of the Town of Andover]~~**This Ordinance is established pursuant** to the authority conferred by [R.S.A. 31, and for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and the general welfare of the Town of Andover]**Chapters 672 through 677, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA).**[~~the following ordinance is hereby enacted by the voters of such Town.~~]

B. **Title**

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as “The Andover Zoning Ordinance [~~of 1974~~].” It is hereinafter referred to as this Ordinance.”

3) Amend Article I by adding the following section:

C. Purposes

The general purposes of this Ordinance are to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Andover, New Hampshire; to enhance and preserve the rural character of the town; to conserve the value of buildings and properties; to encourage the most appropriate use of land; to carry out the purposes defined in RSA 672:1 and 674:17, and to implement the Andover Master Plan. It is the intent of this Ordinance to allow individual landowners as great a degree of freedom in the use and enjoyment of their land as is consistent with the accomplishment of these purposes.

Among the purposes set out in RSA 674:17, this Ordinance seeks in particular to prevent the overcrowding of land; avoid undue concentration of population; facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, solid waste facilities, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and child day care; assure proper use of natural resources and other public requirements; encourage the preservation of agricultural lands and buildings; and encourage the installation and use of solar, wind, or other renewable energy systems and protect access to energy sources.

Decisions made under this Ordinance, including determinations by the Zoning Administrator, the Andover Planning Board and the Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment, should be at all times consistent with the purposes set out above, and with the Guiding Principles of the Andover Master Plan, which are to:

- 1. Maintain Andover's small town, rural character with village centers and generally open spaces elsewhere.*
- 2. Encourage commercial activity that builds on the regional recreation and tourism economy that emphasizes Andover's location in the Lakes Region near summer and winter recreation places including Highland Lake and Ragged Mountain ski area.*
- 3. Promote and preserve farming and forestry where small-scale agriculture is encouraged and forests are managed for forest products while protecting natural resources.*
- 4. Create specific zones where small-scale light industry and commercial activities are not only allowed, but encouraged.*
- 5. Preserve views, especially along Andover's major highways – US Routes 4, 4A, and NH Route 11 – including both the near-field views (by maintaining buffers between roads and buildings) and the far-field views (such as Mt. Kearsarge, wooded hills and ridges, and Ragged Mtn.)*
- 6. Conserve natural resources – farm and forest lands, water resources, and wildlife habitat.*
- 7. Provide choices in housing types – single family, duplex, townhouses, senior housing – including opportunity for open space lot configuration.*
- 8. Preserve Andover's historical places and assets.*
- 9. Coordinate with Proctor Academy on our respective plans for the future to preserve the many mutual benefits of Proctor's presence in Andover.*
- 10. Develop community infrastructure.*

EXPLANATION: The stated purposes in the Preamble of the Zoning Ordinance are important when town officials, boards, and committees need to interpret the ordinance in order to administer it. The current Ordinance has little substantive language describing its purposes. The proposed amendment would add the purposes allowed in state law as well as the Guiding Principles of the Master Plan, thereby providing a better basis for interpretation of the Ordinance.

AMENDMENT 5: Update of the Special Exception Process. Amendment No 5 removes the requirement that the Planning Board find a site to be appropriate for the proposed use before the Board of Adjustment can approve a special exception and rewrites the criteria for “additional” (now designated “unlisted”) special exceptions, as well as requiring a finding that all additional criteria are met.

1) Amend Article IX BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. Sections D Special Exceptions and D1 Additional Special Exceptions as follows:

D. Special Exceptions

1. **Listed Special Exceptions Specified in The Ordinance.** The Board of Adjustment may, in appropriate cases, ~~[and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as determined by the Board of Adjustment]~~ authorize ~~[the issue of a permit for]~~ a use as a special exception ***specified*** in this Ordinance. Any ***such*** special exception must meet and comply with all of the following conditions ***and safeguards***:

a. The proposed use must be specified in ~~[Article V or Article VI]~~ ***this Ordinance*** as a special exception which may be permitted in the district, or must be a town or public utility building, structure or use ~~[reasonably]~~ necessary for the service of the public, and must not ~~[unreasonably]~~ be detrimental to the character of the district.

~~[2. The site has been found by the Planning Board to be appropriate for the proposed use.]~~

b. ***The proposed use must be in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this Ordinance and the Master Plan.***

c. The use must not adversely affect the adjacent area.

d. ~~[There will no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians.]~~ ***The proposed use will not create a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles, and must not be conflicting or incongruous to the neighborhood by reason of excessive traffic, assembly of persons or vehicles, proximity to travel routes or proximity to congregations of children or pedestrians.***

e. ***The proposed use must not create a nuisance, and must not be objectionable by reason of noise, lights, vibration, emissions or other factors.***

f. Adequate and appropriate facilities must be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.

g. The proposed use must comply with all the frontage, yard, minimum land area, sanitary protection, and parking requirements for such use or the use most similar thereto.

2. ~~[D1. Additional]~~ **Unlisted Special Exceptions Not Specified in this Ordinance.** The Board of Adjustment may also, in specific cases, and subject to ~~[appropriate]~~ ***the additional*** conditions and safeguards ***below***, ~~[as determined by the Board of Adjustment, authorize the issue of a permit for]~~ ***authorize*** a use as ~~[a general purpose and intent of this Ordinance, as hereinafter provided:]~~ ***an unlisted special exception. Any unlisted special exception must meet and comply with all of the following conditions and safeguards, in addition to those specified in subparagraphs 1.b through 1.f above:***

~~[1. In considering an application for a permit pursuant to this paragraph D1, the Board of Adjustment shall take into consideration the following general standards:]~~

a. ***The proposed use must be compatible with*** the uses permitted ***or existing*** in the district in which the property is located.

b. ~~[Whether]~~ The character, size, location and design of the proposed use ~~is]~~ ***must be*** in harmony with the district and adjacent properties.

c. ~~[Whether]~~ The proposed use ~~[will]~~ ***must be consistent with*** the proper development of the community and to its general welfare.

~~[(d) Whether the proposed use will be hazardous, conflicting or incongruous to the neighborhood by reason of excessive traffic, assembly of persons or vehicles, proximity to travel routes or congregations of children or pedestrians.] note: moved to section 1~~

~~[(e) Whether the proposed use will be objectionable by reason of noise, lights, vibration, emissions or other factors, or will hinder or discourage the appropriate use and development of adjacent uses or impair values of adjacent properties.] note: moved to section 1~~

d. ***The proposed use must not hinder or discourage the appropriate use and development of adjacent uses or impair values of adjacent properties.***

e. ***The public health, morals, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood and the town must not be***

impaired.

f. Denial of the special exception would unreasonably restrict the applicant without a material balancing benefit to the district in which the property is located.


- 2.3. The Board of Adjustment, before ~~[issuing]~~ **considering** any ~~[permit]~~ application for a listed or unlisted special exception ~~[pursuant to this paragraph D]~~, ~~[must determine that the Planning Board has found that the site of the proposed use has an adequate water supply and sewage system which meet all applicable Local and State requirements and that the special exception requested otherwise complies with all the conditions specified in paragraph D of this Article VIII other than condition 1.]~~ **shall refer such exception application to the Planning Board to seek the Planning Board's advice and comment as to the suitability of the site for the proposed use, taking into consideration the effect of the special exception proposal upon the character of the district and any other pertinent data in respect of the Master Plan. The Board of Adjustment may also request such further information that it deems the Planning Board could supply. The Planning Board's advice and comment, and report on any further requested information, shall in all cases be considered informational in character only and shall be non-binding on the decision of the Board of Adjustment whether to grant the special exception. The Planning Board's advice and comment shall be delivered to the Board of Adjustment in writing within 21 days of such referral.**
4. **Upon receipt of the Planning Board's advice and comment and any further requested information from the Planning Board, or upon failure of the Planning Board to deliver any of the foregoing within the required 21 days, the Board of Adjustment shall conduct a public hearing with notice to all abutters to evaluate the application against the criteria set forth above, taking into account the comments of all interested parties.**
- ~~[3. If the Board of Adjustment, after such hearing, shall determine that the provisions of section 2 of this paragraph D have been complied with, that the proposed use will conform to the general character of the neighborhood in which it is to be located and that, taking into consideration any conditions that may be imposed by the Board of Adjustment, the public health, morals, safety and general welfare of such neighborhood will not be impaired by the granting of such application then the Board of Adjustment shall authorize the issuance of a permit pursuant to this paragraph D. Any such permit may be granted for a limited period or without limitation, as determined by the Board of Adjustment.]~~
- ~~4. The fee for an application for a permit pursuant to this paragraph D shall be the same as that for an application pursuant to paragraph D.~~
5. **In deciding on any special exception pursuant to this section D, the Board of Adjustment shall set out in meeting minutes its reasoned basis for its determination that each of the criteria set out in the foregoing paragraphs have or have not been fulfilled in the specific instance being permitted.**
7. **In granting any special exception under this section, the Board of Adjustment may impose such conditions as it deems necessary in furtherance of the intent and purposes of this ordinance.**
- ~~8. All special exceptions granted by the Board of Adjustment shall be valid for a period of two (2) years after the date of the decision of the Board of Adjustment; provided, however, that once substantial compliance with said decision has occurred or substantial completion of the improvements allowed by said decision has occurred, the rights of the owner or the owner's successor in interest shall vest and no subsequent changes in subdivision regulations or zoning ordinances shall operate to affect such decision. In the event that at the expiration of such two-year period substantial compliance with said decision or substantial completion of the improvements allowed by said decision has not been undertaken, said decision shall be null and void.~~
- 2) **Amend Article VI NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES OR USE as follows:**

Any lawfully established nonconforming structure or use existing on the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued, rebuilt to the original size if damaged, and reestablished if abandoned for less than one year. Such structure or use may be enlarged or extended on the same site as a permitted use in any district, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, and provided the enlargement or extension does not exceed 50% of the total floor area of the original structure, or 50% of the total area of the lot originally allotted to the use, or both. Any of the following changes in a lawfully

established nonconforming structure or use on a specific site may be permitted by the Board of Adjustment as a special exception [if and to the extent that the Planning Board finds such change is appropriate for the location, the structure and the use, that there is an adequate water supply and sewage system, and that such change meets all applicable local and state requirements]:

1. Change to another nonconforming structure or use.
2. Re-establishment after abandonment for one year or more.
3. Enlargement or extension of the structure or use in excess of 50% of the total floor area of the original structure, or in excess of 50% of the total area of the lot originally allotted to the use.

Once a nonconforming structure or use has been changed to a conforming structure or use, it may not thereafter be changed to a nonconforming structure or use.

EXPLANATION: The proposed revisions clarify the Board of Adjustment’s Special Exception process. First, the revisions make clear that the Planning Board’s finding of Site Appropriateness is advisory only: consistent the New Hampshire Law, the Board of Adjustment alone has the power to decide on Special Exceptions. Second, the proposed amendment revises the process for “additional” (changed to “unlisted”) special exceptions. As in the current ordinance, any use in any district may be approved by the Board of Adjustment as an unlisted special exception. The amendment adds concise criteria, conditions, and safeguards that such an unlisted special exception must meet in order to be approved. 



Post 101 held a dignified flag disposal ceremony in September of 2016 at the Andover Fire Station. A total of 236 flags that had been deemed unserviceable were burned. The Andover Boy Scouts assisted Post members in the ceremony. Post 101 plans to hold this event every year on Flag Day in June. The public is invited to bring unserviceable flags to a Post member for proper disposal. Photo: Jim Reed

TOWN OF ANDOVER BUDGET

	Approved 2017 Budget	Spent in 2017	Selectmen 2018 Budget	Budgt Comm 2018 Budget
General Government				
Executive	\$70,195	\$72,021	\$72,591	\$72,591
Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	56,465	53,028	56,465	56,465
Financial Administration	90,198	89,253	92,681	92,681
Revaluation of Property	20,984	21,671	20,984	20,984
Legal Expense	24,325	21,147	26,300	26,300
Personnel Administration	64,765	69,909	67,773	67,773
Planning and Zoning	27,025	17,253	23,087	23,087
General Government Buildings	27,718	37,705	73,154	73,154
Cemeteries	20,157	12,035	16,689	16,689
Insurance	119,972	123,022	142,543	142,543
Information Technology	37,082	36,392	36,212	36,212
Public Safety				
Police	\$198,731	\$181,190	\$198,731	\$198,731
Ambulance	36,750	20,159	64,250	64,250
Building Inspection	2,500	1,488	2,500	2,500
Emergency Management	20,937	16,421	20,902	20,902
Highways and Streets				
Highways and Streets	\$509,357	\$535,008	\$574,070	\$574,070
Street Lighting	5,500	5,690	5,300	5,300
Sanitation				
Solid Waste Disposal	\$198,152	\$225,320	\$218,890	\$218,890
Solid Waste Cleanup	800	252	500	500
Health				
Pest Control	\$500		\$500	\$500
Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	16,750	16,749	16,950	16,950
Welfare	\$19,730	\$11,021	\$19,730	\$19,730
Culture and Recreation				
Parks and Recreation	\$17,000	\$21,649	\$17,000	\$17,000
Library	40,325	34,178	40,325	40,325
Patriotic Purposes - Fourth of July			10,000	10,000
Other Culture and Recreation	10,000	5,804	10,000	10,000
Conservation	\$1,000	\$1,112	\$1,000	\$1,000
Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest				
Total without Warrant Articles	\$1,636,918	\$1,629,477	\$1,829,127	\$1,829,127

	Approved 2017 Budget	Spent in 2017	Selectmen 2018 Budget	Budgt Comm 2018 Budget	Petitioned Warrant Art.
Warrant Articles					
Capital Reserve Funds					
Bridges	\$115,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	
Lawrence Street Bridge Project					
Revaluation	10,476		10,476	10,476	
Highway Equipment-Grader	15,000		15,000	15,000	
Police Cruiser	13,500		13,500	13,500	
Transfer Station Equipment	10,000		10,000	10,000	
Highway Projects	150,000	117,537	150,000	150,000	
Ambulance	25,000		25,000	25,000	
Capital Outlays					
Town Office and Library Roof		24,000			
Retrofit Fire Truck for H'way Dept		16,984			
Forestry Truck					
Sandpit Purchase			100,000	100,000	
Equipment for Forestry Truck					
Lake View Cemetery Fence	30,000	29,950			
Other					
Morrill Hill Road Bridge Project	620,000	178,912			
Fourth of July Celebration Funding	10,000	1,000			
Contingency Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
HVAC Town Office-Library	15,000	13,238			
Facilitation of Solar PPA	2,000	2,000			
Expendable Trust Funds					
Solar Energy	2,954	2,954	2,954	2,954	
Lake View Cemetery Fence	15,000	15,000			
Technology	6,000		6,000	6,000	
Forest Fire Labor	5,000		5,000	5,000	
Town Building Maintenance	20,000		35,000	35,000	
Petitioned Warrant Article					
Total Warrant Articles	\$1,074,930	\$411,575	\$432,930	\$432,930	\$0
Total Budget					
with Warrant Articles	\$2,711,848	\$2,041,052	\$2,262,057	\$2,262,057	\$2,262,057
Less estimated revenue for 2018			1,128,227	1,128,227	1,128,227
Estimated amount to be raised by 2018 taxes			\$1,133,830	\$1,133,830	\$1,133,830

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	2017 Actual	Selectmen 2018 Estimate	Budgt Comm 2018 Estimate
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
Yield Tax	15,000	25,000	25,000
Excavation Tax		100	100
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	36,000	36,000	36,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$441,091	\$435,000	\$435,000
Building Permits	4,200	4,000	4,000
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	10,120	8,000	8,000
State Sources			
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$121,652	\$120,000	\$120,000
Highway Block Grant	186,759	100,000	100,000
State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	156	156	156
Other Revenue From State	185,183	310,817	310,817
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	\$45,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property			
Interest on Investments	2,714	2,700	2,700
Other	28,223	28,000	28,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Capital Reserve Funds	\$191,888		
Other Financing Sources			
Amount Voted from Fund Balance	455,112	2,954	2,954
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits	\$1,729,098	\$1,128,227	\$1,128,227



Post 101 raised \$300 with a food drive at the Transfer Station in the fall of 2016. The money was presented to the Andover Lions Club, sponsors of the Andover Food Pantry. Pictured: Bill Leber, Lloyd Perreault, John Hanscom, Don Clendenen, and Skip Powers.

TREASURER REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2017

Cash on Hand, January 1, 2017	\$2,094,076
Received During Year	
Tax Collector	\$6,098,929
Town Clerk	664,029
Selectmen	867,309
Interest on Accounts	2,753
Total Receipts	\$9,727,097
less Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$7,004,040
less Transfer from Motor Vehicle	178,967
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2017	\$2,544,090

	Cilleyville Bog Bridge	Conservation Fund
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2017	\$1,029	\$38,703
Interest Added	4	128
Contributions		5,116
Expenditures		
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2017	\$1,033	\$43,946

REVOLVING FUNDS REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Police Detail	EMS	Recreation
Balance as of January 1, 2017	\$18,419	\$33,350	\$25,024
Received during 2017	1,166	2,019	8,608
Expended during 2017	7,970		3,438
Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$11,615	\$35,369	\$30,195

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Principal & Interest 1/1/2017	Additions	Interest	Withdrawals	Market Value Change	Principal & Interest 12/31/2017
Capital Reserve Funds						
Town Road Equipment	\$108,642	\$15,000	\$311			\$123,953
Town Police Cruiser	17,325	13,500	50	27,962		2,913
Town Transfer Station	39,139	10,000	112			49,251
Town Bridge Rehabilitation	100,198	115,000	274	5,892		209,580
Town Revaluation	34,070	10,476	63			44,609
Village District Repairs	62,661	5,000	179			67,840
EAFD New Truck	25,001	25,000	71			50,072
EAFD Equipment	4,485		13			4,498
Ambulance	125,412	25,000	359			150,771
Highway Special Projects	27,236	150,000	78	117,536		59,778
Lawrence St Bridge Project	200,485		573	3,615		197,443
Morrill Hill Road Bridge	179,892		514	169,901		10,505
AFD New Truck		16,329				16,329
Total	\$924,544	\$385,305	\$2,597	\$324,906	\$0	\$987,540
Other Trusts						
AFD Expendable Trusts	\$11,180		\$32			\$11,212
Fourth of July	16,783	22,762		29,441		10,104
Forest Fire Emergency Labor	11,024	5,000	31			16,055
Town Building Maintenance	21,608	30,000	62	43,069		8,601
Technology Exp Trust	6,770	6,000	19			12,789
Solar System Purchase		2,954				2,954
Total	\$67,365	\$66,716	\$144	\$72,510	\$0	\$61,715
Andover Libraries Trusts						
Andover Libraries Exp Trust	\$12,376		\$35			\$12,411
Andover Libraries Trust	2,461		7			2,468
Total	\$14,837	\$0	\$42	\$0	\$0	\$14,879
School District Funds						
Van't Hoff Art & Music	\$12,427		\$36			\$12,463
Village Park Maint. Trust	2,525		7			2,532
Special Ed Trust	100,495	25,000	304			125,799
Building Maintenance	13,064		37			13,101
High School Tuition	76,514	10,000	200			86,714
Total	\$205,025	\$35,000	\$584	\$0	\$0	\$240,609
Cemetery						
Cy Pres	\$4,526		\$13			\$4,539
Old Center	190		1			191
Perpetual Care	30,973		89			31,062
John Proctor Trust	7,409		330		180	7,919
Individual Trusts	57,595		165			57,760
Maintenance	11,069		32			11,101
Cemetery Maint & Improvement		1,900				1,900
Total	\$111,761	\$1,900	\$630	\$0	\$180	\$114,471
Total All Trust Funds	\$1,323,532	\$488,921	\$3,997	\$397,416	\$180	\$1,419,214

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2017

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$650,400
Dog Licenses	3,863
Town Services	4,570
Boat Registrations	5,377
Total	\$664,209
Misc credits	-184
Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$664,025
Funds Transferred to State	-181,742
Grand Total	\$482,283

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2017

	2017 Taxes	2016	Prior Levies 2015	2014
Debits				
Uncollected at the beginning of the year				
Property Tax		\$301,271		\$1,742
Land Use Change Tax		9,950		130
Yield Taxes		473		
Excavation Tax				
Property Tax Credit Balance	-7,205			
Taxes Committed This Year				
Property Tax	5,924,699			
Land Use Change Tax	3,100			
Yield Taxes	27,647			
Excavation Tax	40			
Overpayment Refunds				
Property Tax	5,930			
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	2,953	11,329		115
Total Debits	\$5,957,164	\$323,023	\$0	\$1,987
Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Tax	\$5,712,234	\$213,395		
Land Use Change Tax	3,100	9,950		130
Yield Taxes	27,647	473		
Interest (plus lien conversion)	2,936	9,388		115
Penalties	17	1,940		
Excavation Tax	40			
Conversion to lien (principal only)		87,876		
Abatelements Made				
Property Tax				1,742
Uncollected Taxes end of year				
Property Tax	289,017			
Land Use Change Tax				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Property Tax Credit Balance	-77,827			
Total Credits	\$5,957,164	\$323,022	\$0	\$1,987

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

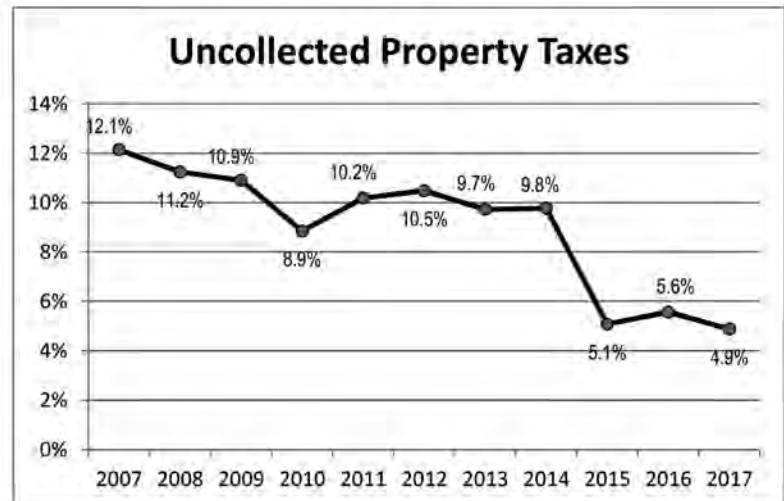
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	2016	2015	Prior to 2014
Debits			
Unredeemed Taxes on January 1, 2017		\$59,051	\$52,689
Liens Executed During 2016	93,730		
Interest Collected After Tax Liens	1,614	4,611	15,246
Total Debits	\$95,344	\$63,662	\$67,935
Credits			
Redemptions	\$38,403	\$14,976	\$34,537
Interest & Costs After Tax Liens	1,614	4,611	15,246
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	270		
Liens Deeded to the Town	176	166	328
Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 2017	54,881	43,909	17,824
Total Credits	\$95,344	\$63,662	\$67,935

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

On December 31 of Each Year

	Total Property Taxes Billed	Uncollected Property Taxes, Dec 31	
2007	\$3,870,725	\$469,876	12.1%
2008	4,345,155	488,467	11.2%
2009	4,586,062	500,113	10.9%
2010	4,350,017	385,006	8.9%
2011	4,926,831	501,659	10.2%
2012	4,870,982	510,735	10.5%
2013	5,034,941	489,958	9.7%
2014	5,141,615	502,205	9.8%
2015	5,035,116	255,935	5.1%
2016	5,412,129	301,271	5.6%
2017	5,924,699	289,017	4.9%



PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR 2017

- For properties in the Andover Fire District: \$23.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value
- For properties in the East Andover Fire Precinct: \$23.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Furnishings & Equipment		Approximate Cost
Equipment		\$62,000
Police - cruisers		66,000
Highway - road grader		200,000
Highway - tools & equipment		5,000
Transfer Station - trash compactor		30,000
Transfer Station - recycling compactor		20,000
Transfer Station - golf cart		2,000
Cemeteries - tools & equipment		1,000
Town Office - furnishings & equipment		100,000
Forestry Truck		48,000
Library - books & furnishings		100,000
Total Furnishings & Equipment		\$634,000
Town Real Estate		Assessed Value
Beach land & bath house	10-010-563	\$482,900
Blackwater Park land & buildings	19-600-100	166,900
Transfer Station land & buildings	28-090-242	178,600
Police Department building	19-655-227A	66,700
Town Office building	19-570-102	446,700
Island on Highland Lake	17-082-177	190,900
Proctor Cemetery land	19-874-280	117,400
Old Center Cemetery land	20-060-376	107,300
Lakeside/Lakeview Cemetery land	10-040-463	117,000
Old dump site land off of Monticello Drive	18-526-032	47,600
Village Green on Main Street	19-703-292	71,900
Land off south side of Currier Road	10-860-038	300
Land between Channel Road and Highland Lake	16-784-131A	37,100
Land at the corner of Switch Road and Blueberry Lane	11-423-047	8,600
Land between West Shore Drive and railroad	10-375-458	8,200
Land between Depot Street and railroad	21-669-586	5,000
Land on north side of Route 11 near Monticello Drive	11490-477	28,800
Land between Route 11 and railroad east of Dyers Crossing	15-582-198	6,500
Total Town Real Estate		\$2,088,400
Property Acquired by Tax Collector's Deed		Assessed Value
Land on Bradley Lake	06-427-324	\$88,700
Land on Bradley Lake on Bradley Point Lane	13-280-107	138,300
Land on Flaghole Road	10-060-031	6,900
Land on south side of Main Street	20-268-419	31,400
Land between Route 11 and railroad	15-467-074	10,600
Land across Route 11 from Dodge Lane	16-619-166	39,800
Land on north side of Route 11 near Monticello Drive	10-375-458	8,200
Land below Highland Lake Dam	16-758-221	700
Land between Route 11 and Cilleyville Road	21-669-586	5,000
Land between Route 4 and railroad	27-858-197	4,900
Land north of Route 11 near Agony Hill Road	10-463-444	6,500
Land between Second Street and Highland Lake	16-802-196	36,500
White Oak sandpit	12-007-358	63,500
Land at 76 Bridge Road	20-320-363	76,600
Total Property Acquired by Tax Collector's Deed		\$517,600
Total Town Property		\$3,240,000

PROPERTY INVENTORY SUMMARY

	2016	2017
Land	\$94,349,666	\$94,331,427
Buildings	127,265,200	129,133,900
Manufactured Housing	4,200,300	4,235,600
Commercial/Industrial	15,666,200	18,231,600
Public Utilities	12,342,300	12,342,300
Total Valuation	\$253,823,666	\$258,274,827
less School Exemptions	\$150,000	\$150,000
less Exemption for Blind, Elderly and Disabled	700,000	660,000
Net Valuation (to compute tax rate)	\$252,973,666	\$257,464,827
less Public Utilities	12,342,300	1,234,230
Total Valuation (to compute State Education Tax)	\$240,631,366	\$256,230,597

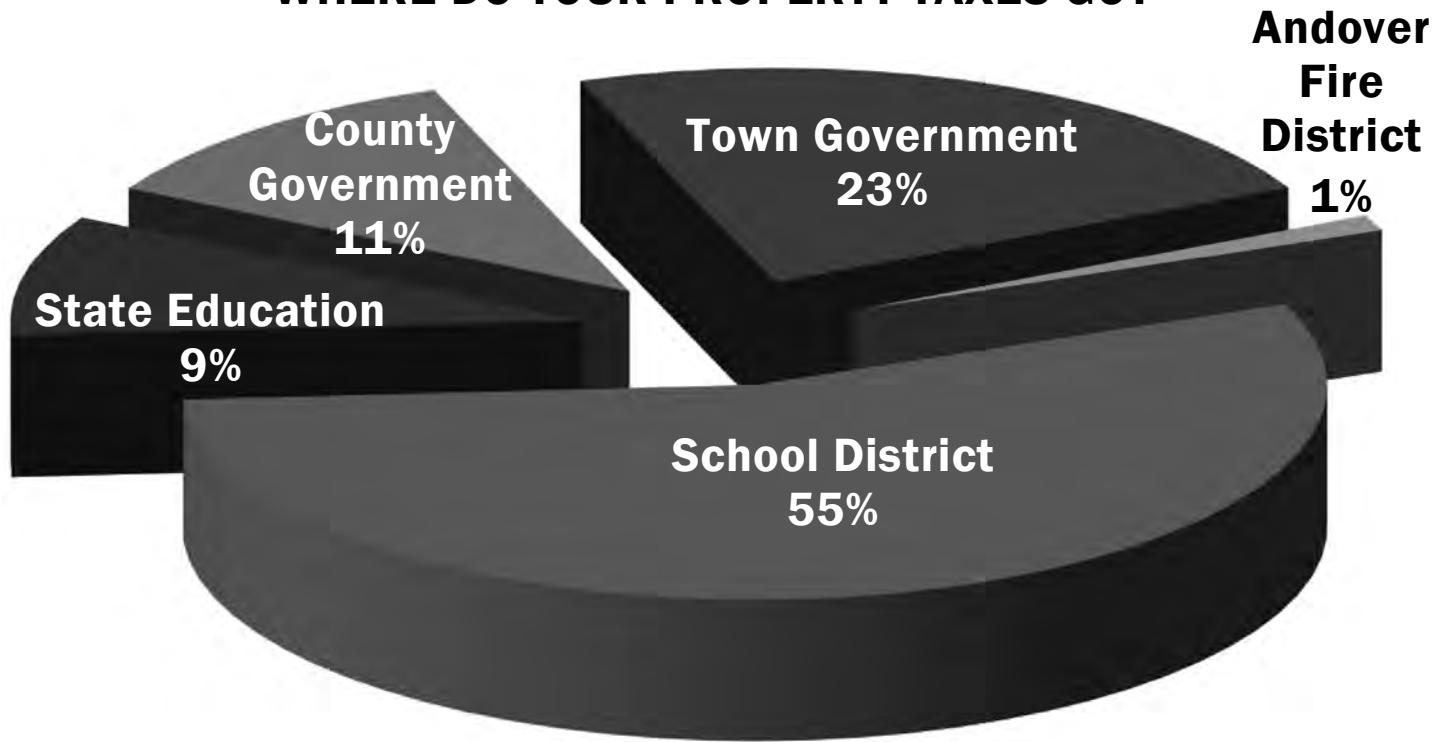
PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT

Town, School, County, and Precinct Net Taxes	2016	2017
Town	\$1,167,133	\$1,377,864
School District (Town Share)	2,936,051	3,263,511
State Education	559,479	539,462
County	686,800	677,656
Total Taxes for Town, School, and County	\$5,349,463	\$5,858,493
Andover Fire District No. 1	70,639	70,509
East Andover Fire Precinct	55,164	63,266
Total to be Raised by Property Taxes	\$5,475,266	\$5,992,268
less War Service Credits	-54,800	-62,200
Net Property Tax Commitment	\$5,420,466	\$5,930,068

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

As of December 31, 2017, the Town of Andover had no outstanding debt.

WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO?



In 2016, Post 101 furnished and installed a new gate at the Philbrick Cemetery on Old College Road after the original gate was stolen. Pat Cutter of the Cemetery Trustees joined Post members for the installation of the new gate.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

*New Hampshire RSA 32:5 VII requires that this form appear in the Town Report every year.
The information contained herein is the best that was available at press time.*

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	07	\$70,195	\$72,021	\$72,591	\$0	\$72,591	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	07	\$56,465	\$53,028	\$56,465	\$0	\$56,465	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	07	\$90,198	\$89,253	\$92,681	\$0	\$92,681	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	07	\$20,984	\$21,671	\$20,984	\$0	\$20,984	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	07	\$26,325	\$21,147	\$26,300	\$0	\$26,300	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	07	\$64,765	\$69,909	\$67,773	\$0	\$67,773	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	07	\$27,025	\$17,253	\$23,087	\$0	\$23,087	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	07	\$27,718	\$37,705	\$73,154	\$0	\$73,154	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	07	\$20,157	\$12,035	\$16,689	\$0	\$16,689	\$0
4196	Insurance	07	\$119,972	\$123,022	\$142,543	\$0	\$142,543	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	07	\$37,082	\$36,392	\$36,212	\$0	\$36,212	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$560,886	\$553,436	\$628,479	\$0	\$628,479	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	07	\$198,731	\$181,190	\$198,731	\$0	\$198,731	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	07	\$36,750	\$20,158	\$64,250	\$0	\$64,250	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	07	\$0	\$0	\$19,652	\$0	\$19,652	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	07	\$2,500	\$1,488	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	07	\$20,937	\$16,421	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$258,918	\$219,257	\$286,383	\$0	\$286,383	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	07	\$509,357	\$535,008	\$574,070	\$0	\$574,070	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$620,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	07	\$5,500	\$5,691	\$5,300	\$0	\$5,300	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$1,134,857	\$540,699	\$579,370	\$0	\$579,370	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	07	\$198,152	\$225,320	\$218,890	\$0	\$218,890	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	07	\$800	\$252	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$198,952	\$225,572	\$219,390	\$0	\$219,390	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Health								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	07	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	07	\$16,750	\$16,950	\$16,950	\$0	\$16,950	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$17,250	\$16,950	\$17,450	\$0	\$17,450	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	07	\$19,730	\$11,021	\$19,730	\$0	\$19,730	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$19,730	\$11,021	\$19,730	\$0	\$19,730	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	07	\$17,000	\$21,649	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000	\$0
4550-4559	Library	07	\$40,325	\$34,178	\$40,325	\$0	\$40,325	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	07	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	07	\$10,000	\$5,804	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$67,325	\$61,631	\$77,325	\$0	\$77,325	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	07	\$1,000	\$1,112	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$1,000	\$1,112	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations			\$2,303,918	\$1,629,678	\$1,829,127	\$0	\$1,829,127	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4901	Land	09	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Real property purchase</i>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$0	\$0	\$273,976	\$0	\$273,976	\$0
<i>Purpose: To fund multiple Capital Reserve Funds</i>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$2,954	\$0	\$2,954	\$0
<i>Purpose: To fund Solar Energy CRF, previously established.</i>								
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	12	\$0	\$0	\$46,000	\$0	\$46,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Appropriate to multiple Expendable Trust Funds</i>								
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$0	\$0	\$422,930	\$0	\$422,930	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4199	Other General Government	08	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: To establish Contingency Fund</i>								
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0

Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	07	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	07	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	07	\$0	\$100	\$100
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	07	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$57,000	\$64,100	\$64,100
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	07	\$441,091	\$435,000	\$435,000
3230	Building Permits	07	\$4,200	\$4,000	\$4,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	07	\$10,120	\$8,000	\$8,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$455,411	\$447,000	\$447,000
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	07	\$121,652	\$120,000	\$120,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	07	\$186,759	\$100,000	\$100,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	07	\$156	\$156	\$156
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	07	\$185,183	\$310,817	\$310,817
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$493,750	\$530,973	\$530,973
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	07	\$45,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$45,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	07	\$2,714	\$2,700	\$2,700
3503-3509	Other	07	\$28,223	\$28,000	\$28,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$30,937	\$30,700	\$30,700
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$191,888	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$191,888	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	07, 13, 08	\$455,112	\$15,908	\$15,908
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$455,112	\$15,908	\$15,908
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,729,098	\$1,142,681	\$1,142,681

SELECT BOARD

2017 was a good year for Andover in general. Our budget stood up to some challenges, which were overcome by the 2017 plan and a bit of ingenuity. Many projects, bridges, roads, and upgrades to Town files and records were completed as anticipated.

There were some difficult moments, such as the October storm which caused so much damage town-wide; the brutal cold and snow from late December; and the surprise of White Oak Pit as presented to us from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT). Let's start with White Oak Pit.

White Oak Sand Pit

DOT informed us midyear that White Oak Pit, where the Town has been getting its sand, was in fact state-owned property. This claim came as a complete surprise to the Select Board and the Town Administrator.

We challenged the State's claim and reviewed land records, past Select Board and Planning Board notes, and input from a number of residents familiar with that area. Our Town legal counsel was presented with numerous questions surrounding state actions over decades.

The state has gone back to 1904 and railroad records; however there were numerous inconsistencies and misleading actions by the state, in our minds. But it appears the state is sticking to their claim. This issue is not resolved, and our challenge to the

state will go well into 2018 and possibly 2019.

Due to the state's position on White Oak, we are forced to look elsewhere for sand. Thanks to our Road Agent's quick thinking, we have a local source for sand for 2018.

The cost for purchasing this sand is estimated to be \$40,000, and that amount will show as an increase in the 2018 operating budget.

Roads and Bridges

We are pleased to report that the Andover Highway Department program begun three years ago with the hiring of two full-time employees and the purchase of a one-ton pickup truck has been very successful. We have been able to show savings in all of our projects by decreasing the high cost of contract work and having a one-ton available for hauling, patching, plowing, sanding, etc.

The project of restoring Old College Road is an example. The Town grader and a rented roller were operated by our Town employees. We saved \$5,000 by not contracting this work out through BMI Paving Co.

Other labor performed by our employees and the use of the Town-owned one-ton truck saved an additional \$3,119, for a total savings of \$8,119.

These savings allow the Town to get more work done within our budget, showing greater value for our money. This is a clear example of the value of investment: putting money out up front for savings down the road.

Dirt Roads

The dirt portions of Chase Hill Road, Brick House Lane, Putney Road, Bradley Lake Road, and Peters Road were all ditched, with new culverts put in where needed. They were also uniformly resurfaced with four inches of material from our gravel pit. This makes them better able to withstand the forces of nature during flooding and freezing. We plan to continue the improvement of dirt roads next year.

Our main project for 2017 was the restoration of Old College Road.

Old College Road from Maple Street to Route 11 had extensive ditching and drainage work done in preparation for resurfacing. The project called for grinding up the existing road surface, adding material, and rolling it out. Time did not allow for resurfacing before winter, so the project will be completed in the spring with funds remaining in the Special Projects capital reserve fund (CRF).

Maple Street Bridge received new decking and a new coat of paint and was reopened to vehicular use. Repairs were also made to Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge, which sustained damage in the October flood.

Gale Road Bridge was scheduled for removal in 2017. However, we began receiving requests to keep it open for pedestrian and bicycle use.

Inspection by bridge engineers revealed that the bridge structures would support such limited use, and the Highway Department crew

cleared off over a foot of dirt and vegetation from the surface to reveal a fully intact concrete surface. Rocks were placed at each end to prevent vehicular traffic, and the bridge is now open for pedestrian and bicycle use.

At last year's Town Meeting, \$65,000 was voted on for removal of this bridge. The money had been placed into the Bridge Improvement CRF and will be used on the Elbow Pond Road culvert that was washed out during the October flood. We plan to reopen that area of Elbow Pond Road as soon as possible.

Since Merrimack County did not qualify for emergency aid after the flood, we are fortunate to have that money available to use in this emergency.

Winter arrived on the heels of the flood, pushing two projects, Last Street Bridge and trimming trees on Maple Street, into 2018.

New Hampshire towns received an extra \$86,000 from the Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant (Senate Bill 38) this year to be used on new transportation projects not previously scheduled. The Select Board would like to place the money in a special CRF to be voted on at the March Town Meeting. This will give us additional time to decide how to use the money.

Town Hall Energy Upgrade

Thanks to the support of the majority of voters last year, the Town has completed its energy project on the Town Office and Andover Library building. The program we followed included:

Conducting an energy audit

Following recommendations of the energy audit, we insulated and sealed leaks.

Bringing down electrical consumption by replacing conventional lighting with LEDs and replacing older appliances, such as the hot water heater, with new energy-efficient models

Upgrading heating and cooling with new super-efficient heat pumps

Adding solar to generate electricity, approximately equal to the amount the building will now consume after improvements

The insulation work done is expected to save the Town over \$900 per year. New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) provided a 35% rebate on the work. With the rebate, the net cost of the insulation and sealing work amounted to only \$3,123, making for a 3.3-year payback of the cost and a projected 20-year savings for the Town of over \$16,000.

Andover Energy Group members worked with the Town Office staff to eliminate fluorescent tubes that were generating excess light, and then replaced all the building lighting with LEDs, which last 15 years on average. The cost to replace all the lighting in the building totaled \$5,200. This work qualified for a 50% rebate from NHEC, so the net cost to the Town was \$2,600, and the work will pay for itself in less than five years, saving an estimated \$450 annually thereafter for the life of the LEDs.

New air-based heat pumps, typically three to four times as efficient as conventional heating and air conditioning, and are now designed to heat at full efficiency down to the

frigid temperatures we get in New Hampshire. The Town used a hybrid approach, installing five heating/cooling pumps and keeping the oil burner for extra cold days and power outages.

The system cost was less than \$10,000, taking into account a further efficiency rebate from NHEC, and the system should pay for itself in seven to nine years and save \$1,000 per year for the Town after that.

In the meantime, Town Office staff report that they are far more comfortable, in cold weather and hot. You can visit and see for yourself: the heat pumps are whisper-quiet, inside and out.

Finally, solar was added to generate electricity equal to the amount the building will now consume after improvements.

For the Town Offices, to minimize up-front cash outlay and to maximize the use of incentives, including tax incentives, the Town opted for a financing arrangement, called a Power Purchase Agreement, with the ability to buy the system at steeply discounted price after the sixth year of operation. The bottom line for the Town Offices is that the price of electricity will now be locked in at a low cost for many years to come, with the Town expected to save, under conservative assumptions, \$50,000 over the 25+ year life of the panels.

Town Office

Residents and others interested in our town can look forward to a new municipal Web site. The Town has contracted with Virtual Towns and

Schools, a company used by many New Hampshire towns and cities. A representative met with the Select Board to present their product and showed us several of their Web sites for towns in our area. We will receive a better product, better service, and better security for a lower cost than we currently have.

A new metal roof was installed on the building, which was our biggest maintenance expense. The interior of the building was repainted with some help from the Merrimack County Jail Work Program.

In the Andover Library section of the building, the emergency exit in the children's room needed to be replaced, and extensive rotting was discovered in the sill, which was also

repaired. A leak was discovered in the foundation near the front entrance, which required excavation work to repair it.

Still to be done is a new handicap ramp for the library; replacement of the main door to the Town Offices, and a window in the record room for Planning and Zoning.

Because the funds for building maintenance were depleted due to the amount of work done in 2017, the Select Board will be asking the town to vote on increasing funds available for maintenance both in the operating budget and in the CRF.

A new full-time position has been created by consolidating work in several departments. The Police Department Administrative Assistant,

the Zoning Enforcement Administrator, the Planning and Zoning Coordinator, and the Recording Secretary for the Select Board will be rolled into one position. The interconnection and cross-referencing from one job to another will increase efficiency and communication.

Transfer Station

The Select Board conducted a "dump sticker" check this summer. We found that most folks indeed had stickers, but at least 15 did not, and we found a few who had come in from out of town.

We also found that some residents are using one sticker for more than one vehicle. These stickers, which presently cost \$5 for the lifetime of the vehicle, pay for some of the

Glenn Laramie Retires

After serving as Andover's Police Chief for over 21 years, Glenn Laramie announced his retirement in 2017. His last day as chief was November 15.

During those years, Glenn provided Andover with a steady, insightful focus as to how our police department should conduct themselves and how best to properly grow the department as the needs of the community have changed so dramatically over the past two decades.

Residents, Town officials, and fellow law enforcement officers agree that "The Chief" has created the base for the Andover Police Department to answer the challenges we face, through necessary upgrades, solid utilization of budget, and institution of policies aimed at keeping us safe.

All of this has been done with a quiet professionalism and a sense of humor so necessary when working with our tight-knit community. From a stray dog to situations much worse, Glenn has been a constant and ever-present pillar for us to rely on.

The Select Board and Town Administrator, in particular, will miss his presence, his input, and his objective insights into matters so important to Andover. We would also like to recognize and thank his family for their support, which is so vital to a police officer's performance.

We wish Glenn only the best going forward and can only say, "Thank you!" for over 20 years of impeccable service to Andover.



Glenn Laramie retired in 2017 after more than 21 years as Andover's police chief.

Photo: Steve Foley

maintenance costs at the Transfer Station and the Town Beach. The buildings in both areas are aging and need repairs, and the beach needs new sand (with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services approval).

Therefore, the Select Board is requiring, beginning May 1, a \$2.50 charge on each passenger vehicle and truck registration annually. The Transfer Station/Beach sticker will be good for one vehicle for one year and will be paid for at the time of your annual vehicle registration.


Costs for disposal of construction and demolition debris and other recyclables are going up. Residents can expect to see these disposal fees

increasing to cover the costs.

The tipping fee for solid waste remains stable at \$68 per ton. Glass, which is collected separately, costs the town \$30 per ton for disposal, and we encourage everyone to separate glass from their garbage. It saves the Town money, and keeping glass out of the incinerator in Penacook helps it burn more efficiently.

We enjoyed a low cost for single-stream recycling (SSR) most of the year at \$42 per ton. The SSR market, however, remains volatile, and the cost has more than doubled for January 2018. This is mostly due to China banning the import of recyclables. There are other markets, including India, Southeast Asia, and domestic

markets, that could take these materials, so it's a waiting game to see what will happen in the months to come. The current costs for solid waste and recycling are posted at the Transfer Station office window near the hopper.

As always, the Select Board appreciates all of the people who volunteer and/or participate in town affairs, whether it's coming to Town Meeting, donating time or materials, picking up roadside trash after the winter snows have gone, contacting us to let us know how we're doing, or being thoughtful and caring citizens in your own way. We all do our best to make this town one we can be proud of. 

The Select Board roster appears on page 4.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Andover continued to move forward on several fronts in 2017 as indicated in the Select Board's report on page 30. Many people, employees, elected officials, and volunteers made this progress possible.

It was wonderful to see so many people working together toward common goals.

We are looking at ways to communicate better with residents, beyond the list of Select Board meetings posted in the Post Offices. Residents and others interested in our town can look forward to a new municipal Web site.

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Once the Web site is up and running, I hope to publish a quarterly newsletter that will appear there. Knowing that not everyone chooses to use a computer, I will have print copies available at the office.

Looking back at 2017, I am reminded about the great people that I

work for, and with. This group includes the dedicated Select Board members who are willing to put the time and effort in to lead; the elected and appointed officials who carry out their duties capably; the volunteers who fill the various boards and committees; citizens who keep themselves well informed and who are willing to call, e-mail, send a letter, or come in to see me with advice; and the employees of the Town who work so hard to satisfy everyone.

The efforts of all of these people are a big part of why we call Andover home.

Marjorie M. Roy
Town Administrator

The Town Office roster appears on page 4.

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

2017 was an easy election year, as we only had our own town election to care for. As you may remember, we had a crippling snow storm on the second Tuesday of March and had to postpone both the election and the Town Meeting. We had a very limited number of residents come in to vote at this year's election.


We have added credit card readers in the office, so when you come in to register your vehicles you can now

pay by credit card. You can still pay online or mail in your registration renewals.

If you prefer to come into the office, our hours are 9 AM to 2 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Tuesday is the only day that we are open from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. We are also here on the last Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 AM.

The revenue in the Town Clerk's

office is still growing. Last year we brought in \$629,382 in total revenue, and this year we brought in \$664,025. We did 4,387 motor vehicle transactions, licensed 601 dogs, sold 15 marriage licenses, and registered 84 boats.

Our net receipts in the tax office were \$6,173,469.54. The tax rate for East Andover was \$23.28 and for Andover \$23.52. 

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector roster appears on page 4.



Every year, Post 101 helps AE/MS observe Remembrance Day to understand the significance of September 11, 2001 and December 7, 1941 in our nation's history. In this photo from 2015, Post members Skip Powers and Bill Leber pose with students Lilly Furtkamp, Vienna Marcus, William Furtkamp, Sasha Mackenzie, Gavin Elliott, and Sophie Reynolds, each of whom were selected to receive a Remembrance Cap from the Post.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

A major improvement was made to the East Andover cemetery when the 2017 Town Meeting approved Article 6. The request was for the purchase and installation of a granite post and chain fence along the road-way boundary of the cemetery. The Town had been able to add needed land to the cemetery when the state made adjustments to the Route 11 right-of-way. The contract was won by the Andover Fence Company, and the work was done by Dale Dukette and his employees


The planned restoration work in the Church cemetery could not be

done, due to the work schedule of the contractor. Andover is first on the list for 2018.

State law now allows Cemetery Trustees to have associate members who can vote in the absence of a member. Beth Frost joined us as an associate. A new sexton was also appointed. JoAnn Hicks accepted the position, has had some indoctrination, and will start her active duties in the spring.

Maintenance of Andover's cemeteries is more than mowing and cleaning up. In 2017 our crew cut

trees around Lakeview Cemetery, painted the pipe fence at the Church and Taunton Hill cemeteries, installed a fence at the rear of Proctor Cemetery, and reset some cornerstones that had become too high to mow over.

A special thank you this year to American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101, and to Lloyd Perrault, who assisted with the installation of a flag and pole in Proctor Cemetery. Legion members also continue to purchase and place flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. 

The Cemetery Trustees roster appears on page 4.



Memorial Day 2016: Members of Post 101 joined Pat Cutter of the Cemetery Trustees to place a flag at the grave of each veteran buried in Andover. The group, pictured here in Proctor Cemetery, included (front row) Ron Evans, Pat Cutter, Lloyd Perreault, Bill Leber, Skip Powers, (back row) John Hanscom, Don Clendenen, and Faith Clendenen.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A couple of changes in members occurred in January. Larry Chase went from a full member to being an alternate, joining Derek Mansell. Alan McIntyre, an environmental teacher at Proctor, is a new full member.

All Town-owned land and conservation easements in which the Town has an executory interest are monitored annually, and Derek has done the bulk of this for the past several years. Although no major issues have been documented, the Newman/McKenna easement boundary should be re-blazed, and ATVs coming from Hill and Danbury have been detrimental, causing erosion of the steep path, leaving trash, and starting camp fires.

Occasional use of a drone in the future to supplement some monitoring could be useful. Peter Bloch has assisted the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) with monitoring by drone. (See the Hersey farm and Graves properties at [YouTube.com/watch?v=Cao_ZqnBezM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cao_ZqnBezM).) A large area can be viewed in a short time and significant disturbances will be apparent from the air, such as building construction, unauthorized logging, etc.

ASLPT monitoring by drone will be done on large properties approximately every five years or so, but won't replace "boots on the ground" for yearly inspections. Perhaps the contiguous McLeod, Old College Road, and newly-acquired Roby easements will have a future drone flyover.

The Bog Pond area, a prime wetland, has continued to be of concern. The wetland within Town-owned land was marked with painted wooden stakes that will be replaced with metal ones in the most vulnerable areas. The wetland and buffers have been mapped using GPS.

We have been communicating with the Select Board, the Road Agent, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment on issues of excavation, storage of materials, restoration, re-establishment of the snowmobile trail, preserving the wetland and wildlife corridor, and the proposed Verizon cell tower on the height of land. The tower will be limited to a height of no more than 125 feet, and a 150-foot buffer of existing trees will be maintained for a landscape easement. A couple of landowners near Bog Pond have expressed interest in easements.

Public concern led the Conservation Commission to follow the progress of the logging road building west of Bradley Lake that could affect the Town's water supply or cause damage to bridges at the south end of the lake and by the dam. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetlands Bureau and the Andover Village District water commissioners were notified about possible erosion and culvert issues. Concerned lake residents were encouraged to note turbidity (cloudiness) of the lake water for erosional sediment near intermittent streams after rainstorms.

Updated digital tax maps sparked

interest in updating the co-occurrence maps last updated in 2010. Harvey Pine explained that the various overlay GIS layers showing water resources, farms, forests, special places, wetlands, conserved land, etc. accessed through computer programs such as ARC can now be converted to kml and kmz files, which allow viewing these files using a variety of other mapping tools, such as Google Earth, handheld GPS devices, etc. Shape files could be stored on Google Drive, allowing access for the Conservation Commission to update the files. He demonstrated wetlands maps, sources, and various displays of wetlands.

A poster and DES fact sheets on permits needed for building and tree removal near wetlands, streams, and lakes is posted at Town Hall.

Conservation leaflets and maps were available on Town Meeting Day with a request for input on wildlife sightings. Most wildlife sightings were in areas mapped as high-quality habitats and near residences where people are more likely to spot wildlife.

Beaver Deceivers have been successful in Andover, and we encouraged the Wilmot Conservation Commission and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement them to prevent beavers from flooding roads. Culverts on Elbow Pond Road were damaged by erosion in the October storm, but the Beaver Deceivers fared fairly well.

The Merrimack County Conservation District has a culvert project

studying the improvement of fish and amphibian habitats in riparian zones. If approved, this project would provide funds for culvert repair and replacement on Town roads. Elsewhere, we provided input on two bridges at the request of a consulting firm for the DOT.


The Merrimack County Conservation District has equipment available for farmers to rent and funds

available to landowners to increase, restore, and enhance habitat for endangered turtles.

We sponsored Andrew Croteau for a week at the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin. He shared his very positive experiences; he learned a number of new outdoors skills.

Alan has been working on a conservation Web site to supplement the Town Web site.

For ongoing education, we attended two conferences: Saving Special Places, and the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions.

We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7 PM and welcome anyone to join us. 

The Conservation Commission roster appears on page 4.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Town of Andover saw another year without much natural disaster activity in 2017. However, the state as a whole received three Presidential Disaster Declarations in 2017: a severe winter storm in Belknap and Carroll counties on March 14; severe storms and flooding in Grafton and Coos counties on July 1; and severe storms and flooding in most of central and northern New Hampshire on October 29.

This October storm brought heavy rain and wind and caused minor to moderate damage to roads and some private homes, as well as numerous calls for the fire and police department with wires and trees down. FEMA representatives toured the impacted areas of Andover with the Emergency Management Director to collect damage assessment figures; however, Merrimack County was not eligible to apply for disaster funds due to the fact that the county did not meet the minimum dollar

amount in damages.

Looking to the year ahead, the Town will be updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies existing and potential hazards and develops strategies to mitigate the effect of those hazards. We'll be looking for public input, so look for the public notices sometime this spring.

Lastly, I would encourage you to be aware of and prepared for all disasters. There are many resources available to you, and I provide one suggestion in the box on the right. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like more information.

As always, I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to all of our emergency responders who help make our community safe. These people spend countless hours, on and off the clock, to prepare themselves and their agencies to respond effectively and with expertise.

Jane Hubbard

Emergency Management Director

Be Prepared!

At ReadyNH.gov you will find a link to New Hampshire Alerts (an app for your iPhone or Android) to receive alerts via landline or cell phone to stay informed of the latest safety information.

You will also find many sources of information on what to do before, during, and after a disaster, including emergency contact cards, emergency kits, and completing a family emergency plan.

The Emergency Management roster appears on page 4.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

The Andover Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is a Town department that provides a volunteer service of emergency medical care to all residents of East Andover and Andover. In addition to this care to our immediate community, we provide mutual-aid services to surrounding towns when called upon for assistance, just as they come to our aid when we need them.

In 2017, Andover EMS received 180 calls, a 6.7% decrease from the 193 calls in 2016. Of the 180 calls, 102 were for medical emergencies, 19 for motor vehicle accidents (MVA), 50 for fire, smoke, or carbon monoxide medical coverage, five service calls, plus four additional calls for mutual aid to nearby communities.

From the 121 medical and MVA calls, patient transport was not needed for 54 calls (45%). 67 calls (55%) resulted in transports to area hospitals: 35 (52%) to New London, 24 (36%) to Franklin, four (6%) to Concord, and four (6%) to Dartmouth.

Andover EMS has continuing difficulties recruiting qualified volunteer members – especially those who

are able to respond to 911 calls during traditional business hours. Andover EMS has an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding with New London Hospital EMS (NLH EMS) to provide simultaneous coverage with Andover EMS from 8 AM through 6 PM, Monday through Friday.

Of the total 102 medical calls in 2017, 34 medical calls were during the times for simultaneous coverage, and NLH-EMS was needed to provide transport to 30 patients due to lack of responding personnel within Andover EMS.

Andover EMS operates with a paramedic-level transport license issued by the New Hampshire Department of Emergency Medical Services.

As a result of a warrant article passed in March 2012, our community has chosen to save funds in advance for the eventual need to replace our aging 2003 diesel Ford F-350 Road Rescue ambulance that traditionally has an anticipated life span of seven to eight years. Because we're somewhat rural and do not have the call volume of a traditional full-time service, we have been able to stretch the use to 14 years with

quality routine maintenance and expect to do so for a few more years.

A warrant article at this year's Town Meeting will request additional funds be put aside for the estimated \$175,000 replacement cost we will be forced to incur in a few years.

A special revolving fund was established to hold revenues received from donations and memorial contributions. The funds are allowed to accumulate from year to year, and it is the position of the Andover EMS department that this reserve fund be used exclusively for unforeseen or non-budgeted expenses so as to avoid the need to seek additional taxpayer funds.

We would like to welcome our newest EMT to the department! Brandon Adams completed his EMS classes in December 2017. Having just recently passed his exams and evaluations, his New Hampshire EMT license became effective in January 2018.

We share sincere gratitude to all in our community who have served and are serving as members of the Andover EMS department. The dedication they have shown and continue to share is much appreciated.



The EMS roster appears on page 5.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenses*	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Training and Licensure	\$3,000	\$2,380	\$3,000
Office Supplies	100		100
Billing Expenses (Comstar)	1,800	802	1,800
PPE/Clothing	1,300		1,300
Medical Supplies	6,500	4,321	6,500
Oxygen	1,000	428	1,000
Paramedic Intercept Fees	1,000		1,000
Support Salary	3,500	2,500	3,500
Physio Control	1,300	4,824	1,300
Ambulance Maintenance	2,000	186	2,000
Daytime EMS Coverage	12,500	3,426	12,500
Ambulance Diesel Fuel	1,250	506	1,250
Communications	1,500	786	1,500
Total	\$36,750	\$20,159	\$36,750

*Note: These figures are based on invoice date and thus may differ from Town Report figures based on payment date.

Billing Summary	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Open receivables January 1	\$36,000	\$18,500	\$13,383
Invoiced amount	12,000	14,865	14,000
Contractual Allowances	-2,000	-2,520	-2,500
Net Invoiced Amount	10,000	12,345	11,500
Payments received	8,000	7,462	8,000
Retractions	-500		-500
Net Payment Applied	7,500	7,462	7,500
Write-off of bad debt	-20,000	-10,000	-10,000
Open receivables December 31	\$18,500	\$13,383	\$7,383

EMS Revolving Fund	
Beginning Balance, Jan 1, 2017	\$33,351
Deposits & Interest	2,019
Withdrawals	
Ending Balance, Dec 31, 2017	\$35,370

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Andover's 2017 Independence Day celebration marked the 75th year for this event.

The Andover Lions Club kicked off the day with an excellent pancake breakfast for all to enjoy. Soon after, the opening ceremonies began on the Village Green with the American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 performing the flag raising. Next, the Hammond brothers recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Then a wonderful rendition of the national anthem was sung by Garrett Niemyer.

Cope Makechnie followed by singing *God Bless America*, which compelled most of the crowd to join in with her. Soon the Kearsarge Community Band was in full swing with a lineup of patriotic songs and marches.

This year, chairs were set up in a shady spot in front of the band where visitors could sit for a few minutes and take in the rich sound of the instruments.

Meanwhile, on Carr Field the closest to the pin contest was underway and, just over the hill, the Firecracker 5K race was happening on the Northern Rail Trail. The race started from where Lawrence Street intersects the Rail Trail. This was the 11th year for this well-attended event.

Steve Smith and Bob Ward handled the Master of Ceremonies duties by announcing activities on the Green and doing an excellent job announcing the parade as it moved by the Reviewing Stand.

The Parade

This year's parade theme was

"1942 – 2017 Remember When." More than 50 parade entries were on hand to make this year's parade one of the best ever.

The Andover Public Library took the newly-added \$250 Grand Prize for their "1942 – 2017 Then and Now" float depicting a library from days gone by and today. It was exciting to see float entries from many organizations that have not participated in the recent past.

Charlie Darling made an appearance as Uncle Sam, and of course Leapin' Lena performed her antics again, as in countless past parades. The Children's Parade was a success and again was formed and started from the Andover Fire Station.

On the Green

Fifty-one booths were set up on the Village Green with vendors selling products, organizations providing information, raffles, and of course Andover's non-profits providing food and refreshments.

Music on the Village Green continued through the afternoon with performances by the Bow Junction Bluegrass band, Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, and the Diamond Special Band, who finished off the evening.

A Perfect Ending

The fireworks, once again launched from the Proctor Ski Area, put the finishing touch on a spectacular day with an enormous crowd watching from Carr Field and from all over town.

Dedication

This being the 75th year of the Andover Fourth of July celebration,

the dedication was given to Olive Seavey and Etta Currier Haughton. In 1942, with our country drawn into World War II, Etta and Olive, along with the members of the Blackwater Grange, put together an Independence Day celebration that was meant to brighten the spirits of Andover's children and citizens at large. A children's parade, a dance, and a supper were part of the early celebrations. It's because of their idea, hard work, and dedication that Andover carries that tradition forward to this day.

New This Year

The Committee tries to bring new items to the celebration, and 2017 was no exception. Perhaps not new, but not seen for many years, was a Dunking Booth. Participation by our Select Board members, who volunteered to be dunked, drew many well-aimed balls.

Two new kids' games were set up on the Green, one of chance and one of skill, and a slide show was set up in the Stone Chapel, which consisted of images of past Fourth of July celebrations, ranging from 1976 to 1991.

On the Saturday prior to the Fourth of July, a movie night was held at the Andover Elementary/Middle School where two movies from the early 1940s were shown.

Recognition

There are many activities that make a large event like this one a success. All of these activities are performed by volunteers who either work through the year in preparation for the day or arrive on the day ready to help.

One of the most intense activities is lining up the parade. For the last several years, Michelle Gage and Mike Evleth have done an excellent job with handling the parade entries that arrive looking for their slot in the lineup. Without their energy and patience, what we see coming down Main Street on the big day would not be possible.

Toby Locke set up the reviewing stand, Jim Henderson and the Road Relics dropped off and picked up the trash cans, and many others worked


in the background to make the event a true community effort.

Community Support

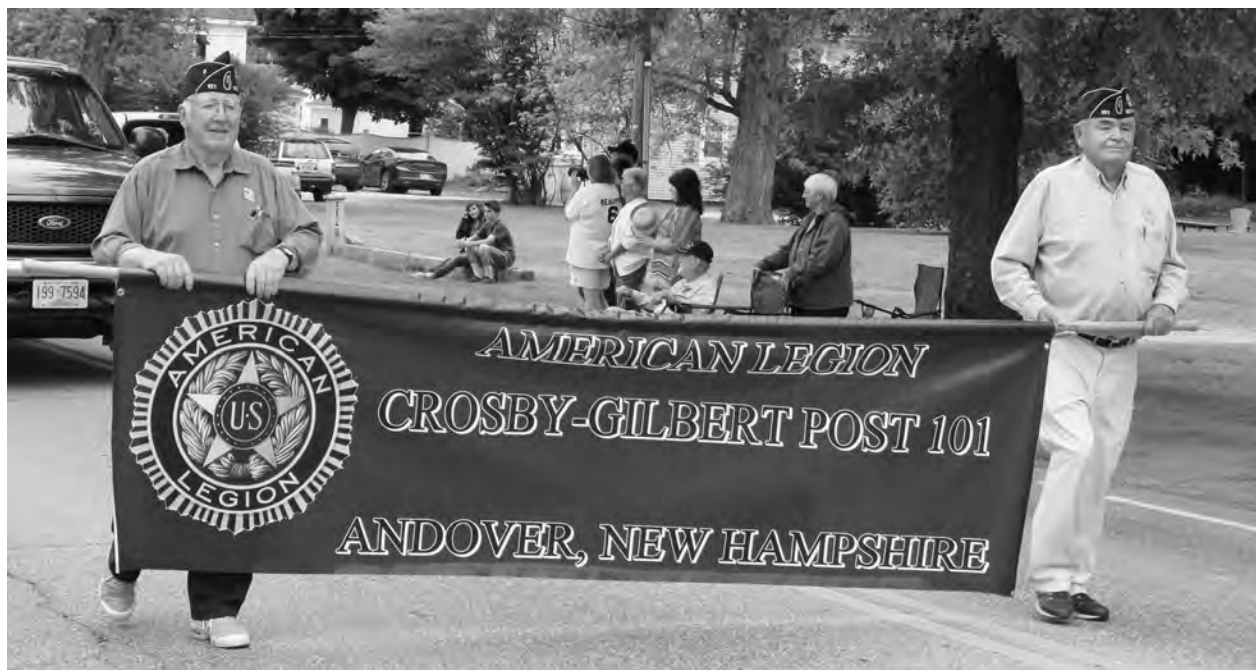
Andover's Fourth of July celebration has become Andover's "big day," a celebration in which everyone is invited to take part. Non-profit organizations are welcome to participate in the parade, the Market on the Green, and other fundraising activities, contributing a percentage of their profits toward future celebrations.

The Fourth of July Committee

would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town of Andover for financial support this year, and the entire Andover community for all of their good will and support. We would also like to thank Proctor Academy for the use of their facilities for our annual celebration. Andover's Independence Day would not be possible without the continued enthusiastic support from all of you!

Thank you, Andover! We remain sincerely and deeply grateful. 

The Fourth of July Committee roster appears on page 5.



In this 2015 photo, the Post 101 banner precedes the Post's float in Andover's Fourth of July parade.

PLANNING BOARD

It has been another busy year for the Planning Board. Thanks to all who voted last March, Andover has added an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) article in the Town's Zoning Ordinance. This year the Board has prepared five amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. These amendments are intended to keep the Zoning Ordinance up to date and make it more consistent with Andover's Master Plan.

To assist us, we held two public hearings. Details of the proposals were published in *The Andover Beacon*. The proposed amendments are:

1. Storage Trailers, Storage Containers, Fabric-Covered Garages, and Pre-Fabricated Carports. These structures are becoming more common. The current Zoning Ordinance requires a building permit before erecting them or moving them onto a property, just like any other structure. However, this requirement has not been enforced.

The proposed amendment would replace the building permit requirement with a requirement that these structures be registered with the Zoning Code Administrator. There would be no fee for registration. Registration would allow the Town to keep track of these structures and to check that they are not placed in violation of setback and height requirements.

2. Tiny Houses. The Planning Board has had inquiries about constructing so-called tiny houses. Under the current Zoning Ordinance, new dwellings with a minimum ground floor area of

less than 480 square feet are prohibited. The proposed amendment would allow special exceptions for dwellings smaller than this in all districts except Village and Forest and Agriculture, where the Planning Board feels they would be incompatible with the character of the village areas or with rural farm and forest landscapes. All other requirements in the ordinance for dwellings would apply.

3. ZBA Powers for Variances.


[NOTE: This is a *new* proposed amendment. The previous proposal, "No Building on Class VI or Private Roads," has been withdrawn.] State law RSA 674:33, which prescribes the powers of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), was amended by the legislature in 2013 in consideration of recent Supreme Court decisions. Specifically, the criteria to be used for approval of applications for variances were changed. The proposed amendment repeals the existing language in the Zoning Ordinance relative to variances and replaces it with language consistent with current state law.

4. Purposes of the Zoning Ordinance. The stated purposes in the preamble of the Zoning Ordinance are important when Town officials, boards, and committees need to interpret the ordinance in order to administer it – for example in granting or denying variances and special exceptions, or reviewing subdivision and commercial site plan proposals.

The preamble of the current ordi-

nance has very little substantive language describing its purposes. The proposed amendment would add the purposes allowed in state law as well as the guiding principles of the Master Plan, thereby providing a better basis for interpretation, giving clear, fair, and consistent guidance and standards for all decisions that need to be taken by Town officials under the ordinance.

5. Update on the Special Exception Process. The proposed revisions clarify the ZBA's Special Exception process. First, the revisions make clear that the Planning Board's finding of Site Appropriateness is advisory only: consistent with New Hampshire law, the ZBA alone has the power to decide on Special Exceptions. Second, the proposed amendment revises the process for "additional" (changed to "unlisted") special exceptions. As in the current ordinance, any use in any district may be approved by the ZBA as an unlisted special exception. The amendment adds concise criteria, conditions, and safeguards that an unlisted special exception must meet in order to be approved.

The Board worked to update the Town's zoning map. Board members will continue to work collaboratively with the ZBA, the Zoning Code Administrator, and the Select Board on enforcement issues, updating policies and procedures, streamlining the process for applicants, and resources available to the public. 

The Planning Board roster appears on page 4.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year was not a typical year for the Andover Police Department. The department, for the 16 years I have been here, has been fortunate to have had minimal turnover. This year, however, our department that is made up of one full-time position and four-part time officers has seen three out of the four part-time positions retire from law enforcement.

The first officer who left us was Officer Dow, who had worked for the department for several years.

The next to retire was Officer Hewitt, in late summer, after working for the department for 13 years. Officer Hewitt will be greatly missed by the department. He was always there to step in at a moment's notice during a time of need for the department.

The last retirement was Chief Laramie, who had served the Town of Andover for 24 years. While he was chief, he brought many changes to the department, including additional officers, more patrol hours, the first full-time officer for the department, and moving the police department out of the old building into a new building, just to name a few. He certainly will be missed by many of the town's people, and I hope that he enjoys his much-deserved retirement.

With the loss of three officers out of a five-officer department, our overall numbers for calls that we could handle went down this year to 2,781. This is mainly because we had less time for officer-initiated activity and spent

what time we had available for responding to calls and investigations.

The department has since started to rebuild its staffing levels. We hired Officer Michael "Dan" Mori in the early fall. He is scheduled to attend the part-time Police Academy in February. We also added Officer Bruce Clough this fall. He brings over 28 years of law enforcement experience with him to Andover.

As your new chief, I will continue to build the department. I am currently updating the department's policies and procedures, as well as increasing the amount of training that each officer attends to better serve the community.

We are also currently working on a Facebook page for the department to better inform the community as to what is going on in their community with the police department. I also plan on applying for grants during the next year to further to assist with the department's future needs.

To conclude, I would like to thank all the members of the Andover Police Department for their service to the town over the years. I would like to say a special thanks to Officer Shaw, who has sacrificed much personal time this year to work additional shifts for the town. To the fortunate ones who retired from the department this year, I hope that you enjoy your time with your families and loved ones.

Thank you for your support over the past year.

Joe Mahoney

Andover Police Chief

Partial List of 2017 Calls

Alarms	44
Fire/Medical-related calls	48
Domestic Disturbances	9
Traffic Accidents	18
Animal-related calls	73
Assist Citizen	86
Assist Motorist	35
Assist Other Agencies	45
Civil Issue/Standbys	19
Criminal Mischief	7
Traffic Citations	41
Noise Disturbance	13
Sex Offender Registrations	25
Road Hazards	38
Suspicious Circumstances	40
Theft	12
Burglary	4
Welfare Check	22
Motor Vehicle Warnings	717
VIN Inspections	18



Joe Mahoney, pictured here with his family, was appointed Andover's new police chief when Glenn Laramie retired in 2017.

The Police Department roster appears on page 4.

PROCTOR LIASON COMMITTEE

The Andover-Proctor Liaison Committee met twice in 2017, once in April and once in October. Each meeting focused on major Town projects:

- Morrill Hill Bridge
- Maple Street Bridge
- Lawrence Street Bridge

and on continued capital campaign construction at Proctor Academy:

- Field House renovation phases 1 and 2
- future renovations of Maxwell Savage Hall

Conversations have also kept lines of communication open between the Town and Proctor:

- painting of crosswalks
- collaboration to make the Fourth of July festivities a success each year
- Town use of Proctor's facilities, including:
 - skating rink for skate program each Friday in winter
 - turf fields for AE/MS games
 - clinics for youth sports in town by Proctor's coaches and athletes
 - walking for the Council On Aging in the gym and Meeting House
 - use of Proctor's Wilkins Meeting House as an emergency evacuation facility for AE/MS (used at least once in 2017)

The Proctor Liason Committee roster appears on page 5.



In the American Legion's 2014-2015 membership year, and again in 2015-2016, Post 101 achieved 100% of its membership goal. In this photo, American Legion Department Membership Chair Tom Wiley (center) of Post 22 in Lebanon presents membership award pins to Post 101 members Skip Powers and Bill Leber.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

2017 marked a milestone in the development of a multi-use building for Andover recreation teams and others participating in sports activities at the Blackwater Park. The Blackwater Building, a project that began with donations and contributions nearly a decade ago, was opened for use in 2017.

Numerous people donated their skills, time, and energy to get to this point, and although there is still some work to do inside, Andover's recreation and sports programs will be well served by the building for many years. Sue Norris and Alan Hanscom deserve our gratitude for pushing the project toward completion.

Though not comparable to the Blackwater Building, the recent addition of a storage building beside the ice rink will enhance the Recreation Department's ability to clear snow off the ice rink as well as provide a better space to store the liner and other ice rink equipment. Alan Hanscom led the effort to get the storage building in place for this winter, and we extend our appreciation to Alan for his effort on the storage building as well as for the number of times he and others have cleared snow off the rink. It's always rewarding to drive through town and see people playing hockey and skating at the rink.

The following provides an overview of the programs and activities offered through the Recreation Department.

Skiing

The ski-snowboard program is the Recreation Department's largest program. Over 150 students participate in learning to ski and ride at Ragged Mountain Resort on Friday afternoons in January and early February.

The program includes an hour of instruction each afternoon followed by two hours of open skiing or riding. The program provides instruction for beginners as well as those who have skied or snowboarded for years.

Sue Norris and Jennifer Hauser continue to do an excellent job of organizing the program and working with Ragged Mountain Resort to make the program successful.

Ice Rink

The ice rink continues to provide Andover residents and others many hours of enjoyment. The ice rink is normally put up by a small but dedicated work force in late November or early December and stays up until late March or early April. Thanks to Alan Hanscom, Kurt Weber, and others for their work on the ice rink.

Soccer

The soccer program, headed by Heidi Murphy, offers coaching and instruction for over 70 girls and boys from kindergarten through sixth grade. This past year, the third and fourth grade teams and the fifth and sixth grade teams were co-ed as people didn't sign up early enough to have separate teams.

The third and fourth grade teams

and the fifth and sixth grade co-ed teams again played in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. The program includes an instructional program for the 30 kindergarten, first grade, and second grade children. Abi Webster coached the kindergarten participants, and Scott and Lindsay Allenby provided instruction to the first and second graders.

Thanks to Heidi Murphy for heading-up the soccer program and to all the coaches, referees, and other volunteers who devote their time and energy to provide a successful soccer program.

Basketball

Similar to the soccer program, the basketball program includes an instructional program for first and second graders and league competition for the third and fourth grade teams and the fifth and sixth grade teams.

After many years of playing in the New London basketball league, the Recreation Department decided to join the Independent Community Basketball (ICB) program for the 2016-2017 season and continues in the ICB league for 2017-2018 season. The ICB program provides an organized recreational basketball league for youth that attend the Merrimack Valley School District. Scott Allenby and Jennifer Hauser have been instrumental in providing a smooth transition to the ICB league.

Mountain Biking and Track and Field

After successful debuts in 2016, neither activity was offered in 2017,

though they are both expected to be back in 2018.

Learn-to-Swim


Instruction for the learn-to-swim program takes place at Highland Lake each summer. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row we did not have a swim instructor, and the

program was cancelled. Getting the learn-to-swim program back up and running for 2018 is a priority of the Recreation Department.

Thanks to Tim Norris

The Recreation Department would like to thank Tim Norris for

his many years of service to Andover's youth. Tim stepped down from the Recreation Department in 2017, and his cheerful, helpful personality will be missed.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you who support Andover's recreational programs and activities. 

The Recreation Committee roster appears on page 4.

TRANSFER STATION

As always, the Transfer Station was a very busy place in 2017. The average number of weekly patrons was approximately 700. As indicated in the Select Board's report on page 30:

Costs for disposal of construction and demolition debris and other recyclables are going up. Residents can expect to see these disposal fees increasing to cover the costs.

The tipping fee for solid waste remains stable at \$68 per ton. Glass, which is collected separately, costs the Town \$30 per ton for disposal, so we encourage everyone to separate glass from their garbage. It saves the Town money, and keeping glass out of the incinerator in Penacook helps it burn more efficiently.


We enjoyed a low cost for single-stream recycling most of the year at \$42 per ton. The single-stream market, however, remains volatile, and the cost has more than doubled for January 2018. This is mostly due to China banning the import of recyclables.

There are other markets, including India, Southeast Asia, and domestic markets, that could take these materials, so it's a waiting game to see what will happen in the months to come. The current costs for solid waste and recycling are posted at the office window near the hopper.

The Swap Shop runs, weather permitting, monthly on the first Saturday from May to October. The Swap Shop provides a great way to dispose of your gently used items (no

clothing or furniture) that others may really want.

Local transfer stations, landfills, and long-ago dumps are traditionally gathering spots in most small towns and are an important part of small-town life. While this is true, we do ask that visitors realize that it is also a place of business. The office is a busy place; we ask that visits there be kept short, and we also ask that anyone wishing to socialize with other residents move their vehicles out of the way so that other patrons may move through the facility quickly and easily.

If you are unsure of where to put something, please ask an attendant. We look forward to serving you in 2018. 

The Transfer Station roster appears on page 4.



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 Email: info@nrna.net Web: www.nrra.net

"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

Town of Andover, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2017	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Aluminum Cans	2,447 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 249,084 hours!
Electronics	16,668 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 2.1 houses for one year!
Paper	81.5 tons	Saved 1,386 trees!
Plastics	15,170 lbs.	Conserved 11,378 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	84.1 gross tons	Conserved 235,350 pounds of iron ore!
Steel Cans	3.3 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 190,850 hours!
Tires	20.5 tons	Conserved 13.5 barrels of oil!

Avoided Emissions:

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **734 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions
 This is the equivalent of removing **156 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year



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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 37-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;

Cooperative Marketing to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;

Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**

Innovative Programs (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);

Educational and Networking Opportunities through our Annual Recycling Conference, our Monthly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, **members' only website**, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;

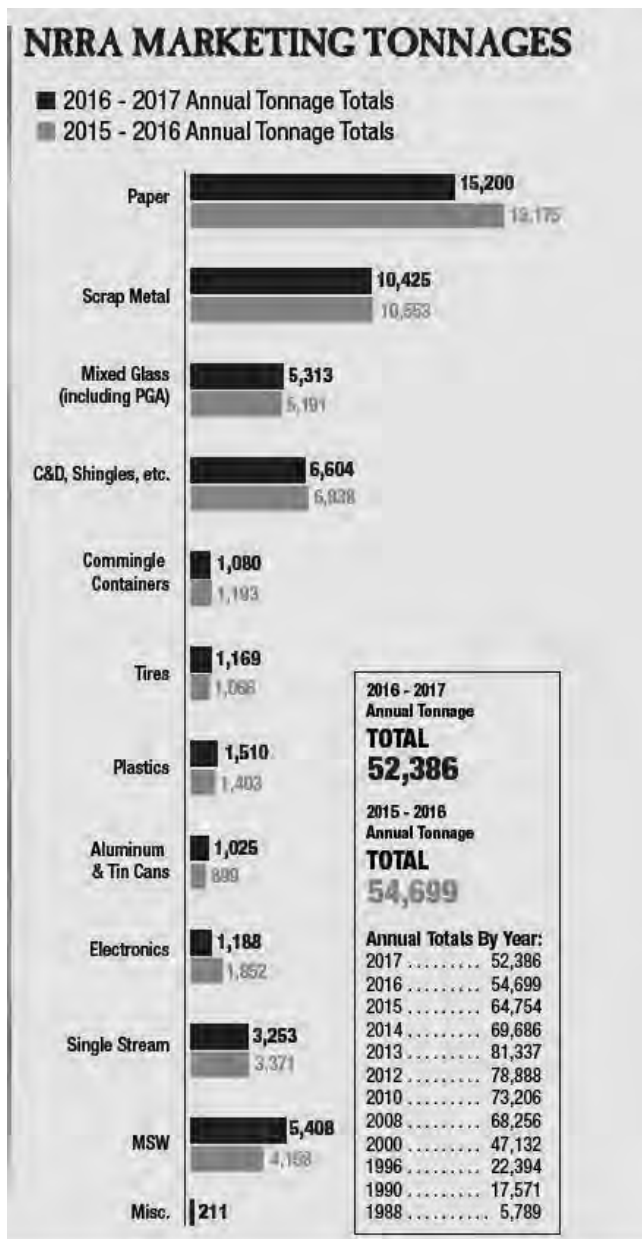
NRRA School Recycling CLUB- a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;

NH DES Continuing Ed Credits
NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recydemobiles.

NRRA membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 52,000 tons in fiscal year 2016-2017!

Please contact NRRA at 800 223-0150 or 603 736-4401 or visit our website at NRRA.net.



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) was grateful finally to have a full complement of members and alternates this past year.

The most significant applications were those of Verizon regarding a new cell tower installation. It was a complex array of applications, involving several variances and special exceptions, and was passed in December after much discussion and several hearings.

Thanks to all of those who volunteered their time for the ZBA this past year. Their dedication and hard work is much appreciated. 🏠

The ZBA roster appears on page 4.



Post 101 honored Irene Jewett, a Gold Star Mother, during the 2017 Veterans Day program at AE/MS.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The year 2017 was marked by personnel and building changes in both sides of town. It also noted our most successful book sale ever, another prize-winning float entry, a continuing change in the summer reading program, and the usual up-tick in patrons and circulation.

In East Andover at the William A. Bachelder Library (WABL), located just off Route 11 on Chase Hill Road, patrons continued to enjoy the benefits of the new heat pumps. Combined with the furnace in the winter, the pumps provide a warm and cozy setting and in the summer keep the library cool and welcoming.

The combined Andover Town Hall and Andover Public Library (APL) was the scene of major renovations all year, although you'd have to either look up outside or down inside to observe the physical differences. Helpful and enthusiastic volunteers cleared out the basement - a major task, believe me - to make way for tightening up and insulation. The library now has a clean and dry space for storage of all those donated books. Many thanks to all involved in that effort.

Heat pumps were installed on the Town Office side, a metal roof replaced the old shingles all over, and ReVision Energy completed the solar panel installation in time for winter's first snows. It's nice to know that the sun is providing some of the warmth for library patrons.

Pat Goodwin in Andover and Kathy Ordway in East Andover proved themselves to be volunteers extraordinaire. Each contributed

greatly to the quick turnaround of new books, ever in need of processing, and kept things in order so Priscilla and Gail could carry on with directors' duties.

A particular thank you goes to Kathy, and to Liz Elwell, who subbed at WABL over the summer while the trustees were in the process of interviewing for a new Bachelder director. We couldn't have done it without you!

Gail Fitzpatrick, needing more time with family, retired in June. Gail was the voice of reason and calm at WABL, while maintaining an enthusiasm for and interest in readers young and old. She reached out to everyone during story hour, visits to AE/MS, co-ordinating a variety of programs, and encouraging use of a small community library.

Gail continues to participate in the library book club, and their little boat-library at Highland Lake will ensure that Gail and husband Gary's contributions will be remembered for years to come.

After a summer of interviews, the trustees hired New London resident Laura Pauling to carry on at WABL. A self-published author and devotee of libraries and reading, Laura officially began in September, bringing a warm smile and interest in willing readers and budding writers to the East Andover library. With a philosophy of "if you offer it, they will come" as her mantra, Laura has offered "Tea and Tech" evenings and a Holiday Sing and Stories at WABL; instituted a Cookie Swap at APL with Director Priscilla Poulin; and

started programs for young authors at AE/MS.

The events that populate a library year range from the culinary and musical to the outrageous. As always, we provided cookies and coffee to Town Meeting attendees. For a second time we also entered a float in the Fourth of July parade. Said float showcased libraries past and present and featured a "shush"-ing librarian on one side and a more contemporary librarian - dig that pink hair - on the other side. Typewriter to laptop, rocking chair to beanbag chair, reading and learning carry on.

For a second year, Priscilla Poulin ran Library Camp at APL, featuring locals willing to share time and talent with young people. Fairy house building continued, and children constructed small dwellings around the library in mid-June.

Finally, the annual book sale during the Fourth of July celebrations brought in a record amount to add to the libraries' book funds. Many thanks to the myriad of volunteers who helped set up the sale, build the float, people the float, work the sale, and dismantle it.

Programs were highlighted by Gloria Norris, whose book, *Kookooland: A Memoir*, was a very provocative read. Having grown up in the projects in Manchester, Ms. Norris related the sometimes dangerous, often darkly humorous experiences of her youth and the eventual reconciliation with her very interesting parents.

Mike Rogers, harmonica virtuoso, regaled an audience at the Highland Lake Grange Hall one evening in

March as he shared his stories and talents as a blind musician.

Thom Smith, local elementary school teacher and poet, has started a poetry workshop at the Andover Public Library that meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Participants write and share poems and discuss

all things poetical - what could be more fun!

With the help of a committed and enthusiastic board of trustees, the Andover Public Library and the William A. Bachelder Library were able to continue to provide services to Andover and East Andover residents.

Thank you again to Susan Chase, Barbara Freeman, and Alita Phelps, who shared financial, creative, organizational, and construction expertise on an ongoing, and sometimes emergency, basis in order to keep the libraries alive in our small town.

The Library Trustees roster appears on page 4.

CIRCULATION AND ACQUISITIONS

	Andover Public Library	Wm. A. Bachelder Library
Circulation		
Adult Non-Fiction	182	185
Adult Fiction	1,919	601
Juvenile Books	2,611	1,074
Magazines	161	52
Books	240	83
NHDB audio and e-books	588	587
Subtotal	5,701	2,582
Interlibrary Loaned	381	256
Interlibrary Borrowed	113	159
Total Circulation	6,195	2,997
Acquisitions		
Adult Books	410	410
Juvenile Books	210	158
Magazines	30	14
Audio Books & DVDs	98	30
Total Acquisitions	748	612
Patron Computer Usage	95	54

The libraries are very appreciative of the many donations of books and videos.

A Note on the Libraries' Budgets

The Andover Library and the William Adams Bachelder Library each maintain savings accounts that are comprised of memorial donations, general donations, book donation monies, and the proceeds from the Town Meeting and Fourth of July food sales. This money is used to purchase additional books, library supplies, and equipment; and to meet any unanticipated need that may arise in the respective library. In November 2007, each Library received a memorial gift of \$2,500 with its use restricted to the purchase of books. These funds are managed by the Library Trustees pursuant to New Hampshire State Law.

ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET

	Estimated 2017	Actual 2017	Estimated 2018
Income			
Cash on hand, January 1	\$4,863	\$4,863	\$2,957
Town Appropriation	26,125	23,522	26,125
Miscellaneous		1	
Transfer from Savings		188	
Total Income	\$30,988	\$28,574	\$29,082
Expenditures			
Salary Expenses	\$15,500	\$15,495	\$15,500
Books/Mags/Audio/Video	6,050	5,806	6,050
Library Supplies	600	820	600
Technology & computer services	950	796	950
Electricity	720	544	550
Insurance	575	688	675
Janitor	150	150	150
Equipment, maintenance & repair	650	45	250
Telephone	230	563	550
Professional development	200		200
Outreach	300	225	450
Miscellaneous	200	485	200
Total Expenditures	\$26,125	\$25,617	\$26,125

WILLIAM A. BACHELDER LIBRARY BUDGET

	Estimated 2017	Actual 2017	Estimated 2018
Income			
Cash on hand, January 1	\$6,157	\$6,157	\$5,886
Bachelor Trust	14,641	13,200	13,200
Town Appropriation	14,200	12,293	14,200
Miscellaneous		121	
Transfer from Savings		401	
Total Income	\$34,998	\$32,172	\$33,286
Expenditures			
Salary Expenses	\$14,200	\$12,650	\$14,200
Books/Mags/Audio/Video	6,050	6,099	6,050
Library Supplies	600	642	600
Technology	950		950
Electricity	1,500	1,706	1,700
Fuel	2,000	207	1,000
Insurance	450	440	450
Janitor/maintenance person	325	529	500
Equipment, maint. & renovations	1,000	2,190	1,000
Telephone	230	526	525
Professional development	200		200
Outreach	300	516	500
Miscellaneous	200	781	200
Total Expenditures	\$28,005	\$26,285	\$27,875

ANDOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Each year we try to report on improvements we have made to the fire department like new training, equipment, or a procedure that makes us better firefighters. This year we have made an improvement that will set the bar very high and will be tough to beat.


A team of very dedicated people have formed the Andover Emergency Services Auxiliary. The mission of the team is to provide support to firefighters and police during

emergency incidents in town. They have officially organized and hold regular meetings. They wear official vests so they can be very visible when operating in the warm zone. Their cars are marked with Fire Department plates and have been trained in scene safety. They have bottled water, coffee, and food stored and wagons to move supplies to the emergency.

The team is very organized. Some members respond to the kitchen at

the station to start food and coffee while others gather the stored supplies and respond to the incident. Soon, basic first aid training will be taught to provide help to the medical team during a fire incident.

They are an experienced team and are now very much a part of Andover Emergency Services. From the firefighters ... welcome!

We are moving forward with your support. 

The Andover Fire Department roster appears on page 5.

ANDOVER FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT

Andover Fire District Meeting, March 20, 2018, 7:30 PM

To the inhabitants of the Andover Fire District in the town of Andover, County of Merrimack, and the state of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the East Andover Fire Station in said district on Tuesday, the 20th day of March, 2018, at 7:30 PM to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To elect the necessary officers for the ensuing term:

- Moderator for one year
- Auditor for one year
- Clerk for one year
- Treasurer for one year
- Commissioner for three years
- Commissioner for three years
- Commissioner for one year

ARTICLE 2: To hear the report of the treasurer, auditor, commissioners, and the fire chief.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote under the provisions of

RSA 41:26-e to change the manner in which the clerk and treasurer are selected from elected to appointed by the board of commissioners. This will not take effect until 2019.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to create the position of deputy treasurer to be appointed by the board of commissioners effective upon passage of this article.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,326 as the operating budget of the Andover Fire District with \$2,655 to come from the unassigned fund balance resulting in an estimated \$79,671 to be raised by taxes. (That fund balance is composed of the unexpended 2017 operating budget of \$1,970, the additional District taxes received of \$671, and \$14 in bank interest.) The commissioners and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be added to the AFD New Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The commissioners and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters of the district will authorize the commissioners to deposit the \$10,001 received from the sale of the tanker in the AFD New Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. No amount to be raised from taxation. The commissioners and the Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters of the district will authorize the commissioners to deposit the \$11,104 left from the purchase of the new rescue truck into the AFD New Truck Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to

be raised from taxation. The commissioners and the Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Andover Fire District will vote to convey ownership of property located between Channel Road and Highland Lake to the Town of Andover. This property is further identified on Andover Tax Map 16 as Lot 749-186A and is more commonly referred to as the “Boat Ramp.” This property was acquired pursuant to the actions taken to dissolve the East Andover Fire Precinct in March 2017.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Andover Fire District will vote to convey ownership of property located at the corner of Maple Street and Channel Road to the Town of Andover. This property is further identified on Andover Tax Map 16 as Lot 739-224 and is more commonly referred to as the “Old Fire Station Lot.” This property was acquired pursuant to the actions taken to dissolve the East Andover

Fire Precinct in March 2017.


ARTICLE 11: To see if the district will vote to discontinue the EAFD New Truck Capital Reserve Fund created in year 2016. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the district’s general fund. Estimated fund balance is \$50,001. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,001 to be added to the AFD New Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 11. If Article 11 does not pass, this article will be passed over. The commissioners and the Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 13: To see if the district will vote to discontinue the EAFD Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

created in 1997. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the district’s general fund. Estimated fund balance is \$4,485. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the district will vote to establish an Equipment Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing equipment and raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,485 to deposit into the fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 13. If Article 13 does not pass, this article will be passed over. Further, to name the commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. The commissioners and the Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. 

ANDOVER FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

	2017 Approved	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Expenses			
Heating Fuel	\$3,000	\$3,410	\$5,250
Electricity	1,400	1,391	2,800
Telephone		443	
Water	275	328	275
Building Maintenance	2,000	2,030	4,500
Insurance	8,500	6,258	15,700
Insurance Deductible	1,000		1,000
Chief's Salary	500	500	1,000
Clerk Salary	400	400	800
LRMA Association	11,600	11,653	23,300
Truck & Equipment Maintenance	3,500	1,855	7,800
Motor Fuel	1,300	389	2,300
Bank Loan / New Truck Cap. Reserve	30,000	30,000	126,106
AFD Equipment Cap. Reserve			4,485
New Equipment	\$3,500	\$6,931	\$7,000
Administration / Training	900	390	1,800
Turnout Gear	2,000	3,750	4,000
SCBA Maintenance	2,000		4,000
Office and Supplies	399	579	800
Legal Expenses	1		1
Total Expenses	\$72,275	\$70,307	\$212,917
Revenue			
Amount Raised by Taxes	\$69,838	\$70,509	\$134,671
Additional Funds Available	2,437	2,655	2,655
Sale of Tanker known as 31T1			10,001
Funds from closing EAFD Equipment Cap. Reserve			4,485
Funds from closing EAFD Truck Cap. Reserve			50,001
Excess Rescue Truck funds			11,104
Total Revenue	\$72,275	\$73,164	\$212,917
Encumbered Rescue Truck funds		\$73,289	
Final Payment on Rescue Truck		62,185	
Excess Rescue Truck funds		\$11,104	

EAST ANDOVER FIRE PRECINCT

In March of 2017, you were asked to make some very important decisions that would affect the future of your fire department.

For many years, the town was divided into two separate fire precincts with two budgets, two sets of volunteer firefighters, and two fire stations. After a study committee was commissioned by the Andover Select Board, it became clear that the town would be better served by one fire district operating under one management and utilizing the two existing fire stations.

Enhanced safety for the firefighters, faster responses from the closest fire station, and better budget management were some of the advantages of unification.

Unification is now complete: Your fire department is now the Andover Fire District, and I'm proud to serve as its chief. We are trained, well equipped, and very motivated to provide our town the best in emergency services. That was our promise to you when you voted to become one district, and we are living up to that promise.

For more years than I care to count, I served as the East Andover Fire Chief. In that time, we all worked to build a great department. We have now moved on to build a unified department that will better meet the needs of our community.

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve the East Andover Fire Precinct. I have been blessed with your trust and respect. From all of the East Andover firefighters, "Thank you!"

Rene Lefebvre
Fire Chief



Post 101 Commander Bill Leber presents the 2016 Legionnaire of the Year award to Lloyd Perreault, as Post member Don Clendenen and Lloyd's wife Judy look on. Lloyd, in addition to his duties as the Post's finance officer, organized and coordinated many of the Post's activities during 2016 and participated in many others. Photo: Donnette McGill

EAST ANDOVER FIRE PRECINCT BUDGET

	Approved 2017	Actual 2017	2018 Budget
Expenses			
Heating Fuel	\$2,750	\$1,479	
Electricity	1,400	1,043	
Building Maintenance	2,000	3,901	
Insurance	7,200	6,684	
Insurance Deductible	1,000		
Chief's Salary	500	500	
Clerk Salary	400	400	
LRMA Association	11,600	11,653	
Truck & Equipment Maintenance	3,300	3,475	
Motor Fuel	1,000	671	
New Truck Capital Reserve	25,000	25,000	
Shared Costs			
New Equipment	3,500	5,294	
Administration / Training	900	525	
Turnout Gear	2,000	3,419	
SCBA Equip	2,000	118	
Office and Supplies	399	648	
Legal Expenses	1		
Total	\$64,950	\$64,810	\$0
Revenue			
Amount Raised by Taxes	\$63,238	\$63,266	
Additional Funds Available	1,712		
Total	\$64,950	\$63,266	\$0

EAFD and AFD are now a single fire department with a single 2018 budget, shown on page 55.

ANDOVER VILLAGEDISTRICT WARRANT

Andover Village District Meeting, March 19, 2018, 6:30 PM

To the inhabitants of the Andover Village District in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in village district affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Meeting to be held as follows:

At the Andover Town Library in the Town Office in said district on Monday, the 19th day of March, 2018, at 6:30 PM to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the report of the last annual meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the commissioners, treasurer, and

auditor.

ARTICLE 3: To elect the necessary officers for the ensuing year:

- Commissioner for three years
- Moderator for one year

ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will vote to accept and expend any federal and/or state grants received by the district.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will vote to accept water rents totaling an estimated \$65,000 to be billed quarterly at a gallonage rate with a user fee.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Andover Village District Capital Reserve Account previously established.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the district will vote to accept the budget of \$66,200 as recommended by the commissioners and presented by the Budget Committee and to raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the budget.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

ANDOVER VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

	Approved 2017 Budget	Actual 2017	2018 Budget
Expenses			
Commissioners Salaries	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Clerk/Treasurer Salary	2,000	2,000	2,000
Office	1,500	1,353	500
Telephone	950	995	1,000
Fuel	3,500	2,602	3,500
Electricity	3,400	3,461	3,600
Chemical Treatment	3,000	1,962	3,000
Chlorine Plant Operator	16,500	16,429	16,500
Water Testing	3,000	1,492	2,500
Maintenance & Repair	25,000	10,673	22,000
Meter Reading	500	500	500
Insurance	1,650	1,604	1,650
Capital Reserve Deposit	5,000	5,000	5,000
Dam Registration	750	750	750
Education	300		300
System Mapping	2,500		2,500
Timber Tax		1,089	
Roof Replacement	5,500	5,400	400
Tank Inspection			4,000
Total	\$76,550	\$56,310	\$71,200
Revenue			
Water Rents	\$65,000	\$61,771	\$65,000
Cash Account Withdrawal	11,550		6,200
Total	\$76,550	\$61,771	\$71,200

AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) is to protect the rural landscape of the 12 towns of the Mount Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. The area comprises the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot.

Since our founding in 1987, ASLPT has completed 143 projects and protected 11,263 acres – including 14 working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands must provide for some public benefit, and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire, and the state consistently ranks in the top 10 as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places, and outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well-being of the state and our communities.

During 2017, ASLPT completed three projects representing just over 132 acres in the towns of Wilmot, Andover, and Bradford.

One of the latest properties to be conserved, in August of 2017, was the Roby Preserve in Andover. David and Barbara Roby gifted a 41.98-acre parcel to ASLPT. The property lies across Route 11 from acreage that Barbara's parents had conserved years before.

The Roby Preserve has 1,700 feet of frontage on the Northern Rail Trail and is open to the public for low-impact pedestrian access. This newly conserved property is adjacent to ASLPT's McLeod Preserve and over 2,400 acres of conserved land.

ASLPT now has 13 easements in Andover, consisting of more than 850 acres. Therefore, a considerable amount of time was spent during 2017 monitoring and stewarding these properties. Land monitors are always needed, so please let us know if you would be interested in learning to be a monitor! It's a great way to get outside and get to know some of the special places in your area.

Our Web site at AusbonSargent.org indicates which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public. These trails, many of which cross privately owned land, are open to hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The Web site includes trail maps and driving directions.

For more information on these newly conserved properties; and all of ASLPT's protected properties, please visit AusbonSargent.org. Also, please be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

ASLPT hosted numerous events in 2017 that are available for our membership and the public to enjoy. To kick off our 30th anniversary, we celebrated Ausbon Sargent Day on the Sargent Common in New London. Along with the children from the New London Elementary School,

all were invited to come hear the story of Ausbon Sargent and anecdotes about the kind of man he was, enjoy the music of the Kearsarge Community Band, and get a sneak peek at the upcoming musicals from the New London Barn Players. The children sang the Ausbon Sargent Song, and cake, cookies, and popsicles were enjoyed by all. It was a great way to start our year of celebration!

In addition to our ever-popular fundraising events such as the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December, we held our sixth annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club. The event was planned for early September, and we had a record amount of participants. This bike event brings riders along routes that showcase ASLPT properties throughout the 12-town region in distances ranging from 25 to 108 miles.

We held workshops on conservation options for landowners and GIS mapping using smartphones. We collaborated with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension to hold a forest health woods walk with county foresters, and again to learn about the most recent Wildlife Action Plan.

A collaboration with Colby-Sawyer College brought us a lecture on climate and our changing landscape by speaker Hank Art, Ph.D. The New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition featured ASLPT staff during a panel

discussion on the topic of using drones for conservation.

Hikes were offered in Sunapee, New London, Bradford, and Sutton, and a farm tour of Star Lake Farm in Springfield was well-attended by over 70 people. Our popular dragonfly walk was held in Webster on the Courser Property.


As you can see, we offer many opportunities to get out to learn, hike, and get involved in our mission to protect the rural landscape of our region. We hope you will all come out at some point to take advantage of our workshops or to experience the

beauty of some of these special places for yourselves.

ASLPT is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments, and clerical work. Each May we host a Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee as a thank-you to these loyal and talented volunteers. We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial support and the countless hours which have assured our success.

If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places,

there are many ways to get involved: you could become a conservation easement donor, support ASLPT financially, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation, and if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of ASLPT.

We would especially like to thank the Town of Andover Conservation Commission for being such a good resource and collaborating with ASLPT on several successful projects over the years. 



Post 101's float in Andover's 2015 Fourth of July parade.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities according to state law for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities.

Some of the services provided on behalf of the Town of Andover and the region in the past fiscal year include:

- Created new zoning map for Andover with exact measurements and presented to town.

- Outlined steps needed to digitize zoning map.

- Met with Andover resident regarding use of old town hall building, discussed potential reuse of a recently purchased Main Street historic building with Plan New Hampshire director, and corresponded with building owner regarding potential approaches to identifying a municipal use for the property.

- Provided copies of the New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the town.

- Responded to inquiry from Andover regarding options for hosting a local Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

- Handled over 43 tons of Hazard-

ous Substances from 25 Communities and safeguarding the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 28th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

- Business cards with supplementary information about the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility and disposal of unused medications were printed and distributed. New this year were colorful refrigerator magnets with contact information, collection reminders, and a recipe for a non-toxic cleaner.

- Convened five meetings and facilitated discussion on: Solar power, Accessory Dwelling Units, Regional Electricity Demand Aggregation, legislation in the Lakes Region (including legislation on setback on seasonal docks, New Hampshire Energy Policy, and Complete Streets).

- Maintained a digital and traditional library of significant planning documents from air quality to zoning.

- Upgraded our Web site, LakesRPC.org, to include an improved home page and links to our most visited pages, improved House Hazardous Waste page, a new Solid Waste page, improved community pages, and a link to our new Facebook page.

- Researched, developed with health partners, and circulated Lyme disease resources and materials.

- Coordinated and hosted several

Solid Waste Roundtable meetings. Topics included: Universal Waste, Electronic Waste, Composting, Recycling and Plastic Bags.

- Continued to work with area economic development organizations, and pursue relevant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration.

- Worked with NHBFA and City of Franklin officials to develop a loan application to perpetuate downtown development. Assisted city on white-water park application.

- Continued working on the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to preserve regional scenic quality and visitor experiences.

- Providing Geographic Information System services and technical land use assistance to our communities.


- Conducted approximately 150 annual traffic counts around the region.

- Assisted communities with Road Safety Management Systems analysis.

- Conducted substantial work on the Lakes Region Scenic Byway.

- Continued work on the Regional Transportation resources Web page

- Supported Complete Streets regional discussion and state legislation.

- Conducted regional assessment of regional bike-ability including gaps in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure throughout the region. 

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VNA & HOSPICE

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care, and community health programs in Andover. Our core mission to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible has not wavered, even as healthcare continues to change and become more complex.

We are currently in the final stages of our 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment, a vital process that helps us identify and have an impact on some of the most pressing healthcare needs of our region. Our Board of Directors remains committed, to the best of our

ability, to serve those in need regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances.

For the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017, LSRVNA served Andover residents in the following ways:

Provided over 1,000 hours of nursing, therapy, and in-home supportive care to residents


Provided free or reduced fee in-home nursing, therapy, and social work visits to residents. Visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (New Hampshire Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs)

Residents received visits through our hospice program and were able to live their life as they wished at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their

loved, at no cost

Residents utilized our foot care, flu shot, and blood pressure clinics as well as parent-child, bereavement, and other support groups

Our talented staff are dedicated not only to individual health and well-being, but to fostering community support and involvement which empowers residents to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any way we may be of service to you, your loved ones, or your town's residents.

Our vision to be the leading provider of home care services in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an adaptive and enduring presence is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you. 

SUNAPEE-RAGGED-KEARSARGE GREENWAY COALITION

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75-mile hiking trail forming a loop known as the SRK Greenway was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mount Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Mount Kearsarge.

The SRK Greenway extends through 10 towns and, of the 75 miles, 9.4 miles are in Andover, with ancillary connections to Proctor Academy trails. The SRK Trail 10 enters Andover from Twist Hill Road off Wilmot's Kearsarge Mountain Road, just below the entrance to Winslow State Park on the Wilmot side of Mount Kearsarge.

Trail 10 comes down Andover's Dawes Road and Bridge Street and ends at Proctor Academy near the Field House. SRKG Trail 9 begins at the Proctor Field House near the tennis courts and goes up to the east and west peaks of Ragged Mountain, with an ancillary spur trail to Balancing Rock on the south side of Ragged.

Trail 9 goes past one of the Ragged Mountain Ski Resort towers and then descends into Wilmot, coming out to a trail head on New Canada Road. Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many landowners.

In the spring of 2018 there are plans to complete reconstruction of a


trail bridge on a portion of Trail 9 between Proctor and Balancing Rock and to do significant clearing of the SRKG along the ridge (Ridge Trail) from the peaks of Ragged Mountain to the descent off the mountain to New Canada Road.

In January 2018 the SRKGC sponsored an intensive two-day Wilderness First Aid course, which was held at Colby-Sawyer College. This is a new venture for SRKGC which should encourage safe hiking for all seasons in New Hampshire.

The SRKGC is a thoroughly community-based, all-volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a Web site (SRKG.com), a trail guide book, a three-season hiking schedule, and an annual meeting in March of every year.

Anne Hewitt and Sooze Hodgson currently serve as Andover's members on the SRKGC Board. There are many individuals who help keep Andover's portion of SRKG trails repaired and blazed, and we are always looking for more help. If you would like to join the volunteer trail work crews, you can e-mail us at SRKGC@SRKG.com.

Our Web site at SRKG.com has maps of the entire SRK Greenway. There you will find hike schedules and events, landowner information, membership details, and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a green corridor in Andover and the surrounding towns has an enormous impact with its associated recreational, economic, and health benefits. To improve awareness of hiking trails generally, SRKGC representatives continually meet with several town boards, conservation commissions, and others including the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, the New Hampshire Trails Bureau, and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee. 



The SRK Greenway runs through Andover, marked by green and white blazes with the SRKG logo.

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Town Meeting, March 14, 2017

Meeting opened 7:05 PM by Moderator Dan Coolidge. Flag salute led by Jim Delaney

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Selectman: David Blinn. Term expires 2020

Budget Committee: Christopher Norris. Term expires 2020. Morgan Salathe. Term expires 2020.

Trustee of Trust Funds: Joanne Edgar. Term expires 2020.

Cemetery Trustees: Patricia Cutter. Term expires 2020. William Keyser. Term expires 2019.

Library Trustee: Alita Phelps. Term expires 2020.

School Board: Brian Gilman. Term expires 2020.

School Moderator: Betsy Paine. Term expires 2018.

School Treasurer: Shirley Currier. Term expires 2018.

School Clerk: Christie Coll. Term expires 2018.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of an amendment to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to add Article XV: Accessory Dwelling Units? To be voted by ballot. **Article 2 Passed** 150 Yes ballots; 43 No ballots

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,636,918 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special individual articles addressed separately. The Select Board and the

Budget Committee recommend this article. Moved: Arch Weathers. Second: Ed Hiller

Selectman David Blinn explained the budget and said the increase was 1.49% over last year.

Toby Locke questioned what became of the police detail money. It was explained that \$10 was paid to the department for use of Town vehicle and went for extras that the department needed.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for vote on Article 3. **Article 3 Passed.**

Jeff Miller moved to restrict reconsideration. Second: Jim Thompson. Moderator Dan Coolidge called for vote to restrict reconsideration. **Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 3 Passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$338,976 to add to the following Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) previously established:

Revaluation: \$10,476

Ambulance Replacement: \$25,000

Highway Equipment (Grader): \$15,000

Highway Projects: \$150,000

Police Cruiser Replacement: \$13,500

Transfer Station Equipment: \$10,000

Bridge Rehabilitation: \$115,000

The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Moved: Vicky Mishcon. Second:

Jim Delaney.

No discussion. There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 4. **Article 4 Passed** by voice.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,000 to add to the following Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) previously established:

Forest Fire Labor: \$5,000

Town Buildings: \$20,000

Technology: \$6,000

The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Moved: Arch Weathers. Second: Mary Ann Levesque.

Toby Locke questioned what was being done at the town building. Vicky Mishcon, Selectperson, explained that doors, ramp, roofing, still needed to be repaired. Herbie Barton wanted to know if it had been sent out to bid. Vicky explained that they are just estimating and will send the work out to bid when and if the warrant article passes.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 5. **Article 5 Passed** by voice.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purchase and installation of granite posts and chain for the Lake View Cemetery to be purchased in 2017. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

Moved: Vicky Mishcon Second: Marj Roy

Bill Keyser explained why the Cemetery committee was asking for the money and said that they had about \$500 annual income from trust funds.

Toby Locke wanted to know why they didn't spend the money in the trust fund as they had at least \$100,000. Bill explained that the money is in trust and can't be touched.

Bill then said that the reason for granite was so that there would not be maintenance costs in the future. Without a fence, there have been problems with snowmobiles and cars tearing up the turf and damaging the roads.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 6. **Article 6 Passed** by hand count: 74 for; 56 against.

Bill Keyser moved to restrict reconsideration. Paul Currier seconded. Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote to restrict reconsideration. **To restrict reconsideration passed.**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Lake View Cemetery Fence Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for fence at the Lake View Cemetery and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from said fund. This article will be moved only if Article 6 fails. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Toby Locke moved to **table**. Second: Mary Ann Levesque. There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote to table Article 7. **To table Article 7 passed.**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fourth of July Celebration Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the 2017 Celebration and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation, further, to name the officers of the Fourth of July Committee as agents to expend from said fund. This appropriation will replace the door-to-door canvassing previously done to raise funding. The Select Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. Moved: Vicky Mishcon. Second: Robert Ward.

Bob explained that the volunteer base was shrinking, and they could not raise the money going door-to-door asking for donations. The previous volunteers can no longer do this, and even putting a request in the paper three months in a row, they got only one new volunteer.

Arch Weathers, Budget Committee, felt that this was a poor use of tax money as it did not bring any permanent positive change in the community. Mary Hiller reiterated this thought.

Wood Sutton and Howard George spoke in favor of keeping our Fourth of July celebration intact as it brings great revenue to the businesses of Andover.

There being no further discussion,

Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 8. **Article 8 Passed** by show of hands: 88 for; 45 against.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund. This sum to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Moved: Vicky Mishcon. Second: Marj Roy.

No discussion. There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 9. **Article 9 Passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of upgrading the energy system of the Town Office/Town Library Building. Energy upgrade will include the purchase and installation of an energy efficient heat pump system providing heat, air conditioning, and ventilation.

The \$15,000 will come from previously established funds: \$10,000 from the Town Building Maintenance ETF and \$5,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Upon completion of the project, a rebate of \$3,369 from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative will go to the General Fund. This is a tax-neutral article.

The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Moved: Vicky Mishcon. Second:

Marj Roy.

Randall Costa made PowerPoint presentation explaining projected pay back and savings to the community.

Rebecca Dobretz spoke about the building no longer meeting our needs and the possibility of having to move the Town Office to another location. Did not feel that we should put this amount of money into the building.

David Blinn, Selectman, said that there was a lot more room as the cellar is insulated.

Andy Guptill asked if an engineer had signed that the roof could hold solar panels. Randall said that would happen after approval.

Jeff Dickerson felt that the pay-back figures were not accurate and that future electric rates would be declining anyway.

Wood Sutton and Stanley Boyd-Robertson spoke about how complicated that spreadsheet and presentation were.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 10. **Article 10 Passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute agreements, including a 20-year license (with possible extensions up to 30 years) with Revision Energy of Portland, Maine, and to take actions and execute documents reasonably related thereto, necessary to facilitate a Power Purchase Agreement for a solar energy system that will serve the Town of Andover Town Offices? This is a

tax-neutral article. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

Toby Locke moved to consider warrant articles 11, 12, and 13 together. Second: Randall Costa.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote to approve considering warrant articles 11, 12, and 13 together. **Motion to consider articles 11, 12, and 13 together Passed.**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the facilitating of the Power Purchase Agreement for a solar system to serve the Town of Andover Town Offices. This sum is to come from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund, previously established, and no amount will come from taxation. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article. Moved: Marj Roy. Second: Mary Ann Levesque.

Jeff Dickerson spoke again regarding the vendor and whether they would still be in business in 10 years or even in five years. Spoke strongly against going forward.

Sam Wesley spoke in favor of using solar power.

Alan McIntyre spoke about how successful Proctor Academy's solar installations have been.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19 for the purpose of funding a solar energy system for the Town of Andover Town Offices, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,954 to be

placed into the fund. These funds will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, therefore the article is tax-neutral. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

There being no further discussion, Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Articles 11, 12, and 13. **Articles 11, 12, and 13 Passed.**

Mary Ann Levesque moved to restrict reconsideration of articles 11, 12, and 13. Second: Ms. Wells. Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote to restrict reconsideration. **Move to restrict reconsideration passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$620,000 to fund the Morrill Hill Road Bridge replacement. This project qualifies for State Bridge Aid Funds, the State reimbursing the Town for 80% of the total cost. Funding for this project will come from previously established funds: \$179,888 from the Morrill Hill Road Bridge CRF and the remaining \$440,112 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The 80% reimbursement from the State will be returned to the Town's General Fund. The Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

(The Town voted to fund this project in 2009, at an estimated costs of \$420,000. Those funds have not lapsed, per RSA 32:7-IV, which state that money raised to be refunded by state or federal grants is

non-lapsing. The Town's 20% portion of the project will be \$124,000, but because of "gross budgeting," we must raise and appropriate the full amount.)

Moved: Toby Locke. Second: Paul Currier. No discussion. There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 14. **Article 14 Passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a The Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both. If adopted in accordance with RSA 41:14-c, the Select Board shall have the authority to acquire or sell land, building, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendations by those bodies, where a board or commission or both exist. After the Select Board receives the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, where a board or commission or both exist, they shall hold two public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the Select Board, prior to the Select Board's vote, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the Town Meeting. The Select Board's vote shall take place no sooner than neither 7 days nor later than 14 days after the second

public hearing which is held.

II. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of and the Select Board Shall have no authority to sell:

Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A.

Any part of a Town Forest Established under RSA 31:110 and managed under RSA 31:112.

Any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the Town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 498:4-a or RSA e547-D-d.

Moved: Vicky Mishcon. Second: Marj Roy. Toby Locke urges us to vote no. The town should not allow that type of discretion to the selectmen.

Matt Serge, town council, advised us that this does not give complete control to the selectmen. It still leaves some control to the town.

Chuck Keyser said that we were not in the real estate business.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 15. **Article 15 Did not pass.**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the revised Noise Ordinance. Moved: Vicky Mishcon. Second: Mary Ann Levesque.

Vicky explained that we still have no enforceable noise ordinance.

Mary Ann Levesque asked if the noise ordinance would be effective on July 4 and on New Year's Eve.

Rebecca Dobretz questioned

whether or not we had enough trouble of this nature to even have a noise ordinance.

Toby Locke asked to have the ordinance read but was told that we didn't want to waste time when people should have read it before the meeting began. Wanted to know if he had hired a band to play at a party did he have to send them home at 10:30 PM.

Joe Mahoney, Andover Police, explained the need for the ordinance as there was only a State one now in effect, which would create a criminal record. They would like to avoid this.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on article 16. **Article 16 Passed** by show of hands: 71 for; 58 against.

Toby Locke moved to restrict reconsideration. Second: Paul Currier. Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote to restrict reconsideration. **Passed motion to restrict reconsideration.**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for general cemetery maintenance and cemetery improvements under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a; the income and principal in said fund to be totally expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees for all legal cemetery purposes, and to direct that all income from the sale of cemetery lots in Andover be deposited in said fund. Moved: Leighton Terwilliger. Second: Betsy Paine.

Toby Locke questioned the use of Trust Fund money.

Stanley Boyd-Robertson wanted to know if the money was invested aggressively.

Mark Stetson explained about Trusts and said that they were usually CDs and safe investments.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 17. **Article 17 Passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the town adopt the “all veterans property tax” under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability.

If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$500, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the Select Board or assessors by April 15 of the tax year. Moved: Mary Ann Levesque. Second: Betsy Paine.

Leighton Terwilliger spoke in favor.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 18. **Article 18 Passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town

will vote pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Select Board to lease Town-owned property located at 640 Main Street, Andover, NH (also shown on the Town of Andover Tax Maps as Map 28, Lot 90-242), for longer than one year, with an initial term for five years plus four five-year extensions, to Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless and to further authorize the construction and installation of a new personal wireless service facility (“PWSR”) on the property, subject to obtaining all necessary approvals and subject to such other business terms determined by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town, including but not limited to an annual rental of market value with market rental escalators and adjustments and subject to the taxation authority of the Town of non-governmental use of governmental land, and to authorize the Select Board and/or Town Administrator as duly authorized by the Select Board to take any action necessary to carry out this vote. The Select Board recommends this article.

Moved: Vicky Mishcon. Second: Marj Roy.

Verizon representatives made presentation. Town will receive \$25,000 a year lease plus 2% increase each year and added income from other carriers that wanted space on the tower.

Mark Stetson asked if any other carriers had signed on yet. The answer was no, not at this time. There are still lots of steps to go through before the final approval was granted

and then they would be able to sell space. A lot depended on how tall the tower would be – subject to local Zoning and Planning Board approvals.

Mary Ann Broschek mentioned that this is a pristine area, near wetlands and needs to be preserved.

Andy Guptill felt that it would help residents with the cell reception plus bring revenue to the town.

Jeff Miller advised us to go for it before they took their proposal to a private land owner.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on article 19. **Article 19 Passed** by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: (By petition) To raise and appropriate \$150,000 for a Town backhoe/loader and accessories. Moved: Betsy Paine. Second: Toby Locke.

Herbie Barton presented his figures and reasons for requesting this purchase. He said that we would save \$100,000 a year in rental charges for equipment.

David Blinn, Selectman, feels the numbers are incorrect, and this doesn’t fall into the schedule of purchases, and there is still no Town garage.

John Thompson, Town Road Agent, said that the Town had spent \$100,000 on all rentals this year, which included trucks, plows, crushers, bulldozers, and dump trucks, but no loader. He has no operator and no housing for it.

Andy Guptill felt this is not the right time or the right piece of equipment.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on article 20. **Article 20 Did not pass** on voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to extend road off of Monticello Road Class V rating, east no farther than required by zoning to allow a home to be built on Lot 018-410-483. All improvements would be to Town standards, but all costs would be paid without use of any Town funds. Moved to table: Jack Braley. Second: Paul Currier.

Moderator Dan Coolidge called for vote to table Article 21. **To table article 12 Passed** on voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 321:45, to discontinue the public right-of-way previously given the State of New Hampshire and turned over to the Town when Route 11, shown on Project #13349, was completed in 2009. This right-of-way crosses the property owned by Karen Forsberg new Lake view Cemetery. Moved: Paul Currier. Second: Betsy Paine.

There being no further discussion,

Moderator Dan Coolidge called for a vote on Article 22. **Article 22 Passed** on voice vote.

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moved to adjourn: Nancy Teach. Second: Paul Currier. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 PM by Moderator Dan Coolidge.

Operation Budget final numbers:
\$1,636,918

Warrant Articles: \$1,059,930

Total Budget: \$2,696,848 



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Selectboard
Town of Andover
Andover, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Andover as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Andover, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Management's Discussion and Analysis – Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (page 29) and the Schedule of Town Contributions (page 30) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information – Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Andover's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

November 27, 2017

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EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF ANDOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2016

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,148,164	\$ 247,913	\$ 2,396,077
Investments	-	27,168	27,168
Accounts receivable	4,361	-	4,361
Taxes receivable	425,319	-	425,319
Intergovernmental receivable	-	70,467	70,467
Interfund receivable	76,710	13,155	89,865
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	38,954	-	38,954
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	908,369	-	908,369
Investments	16,039	-	16,039
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,617,916</u>	<u>\$ 358,703</u>	<u>\$ 3,976,619</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 33,494	\$ -	\$ 33,494
Accrued salaries and benefits	14,986	-	14,986
Due to other governments	1,829,980	-	1,829,980
Interfund payable	-	89,865	89,865
Total liabilities	<u>1,878,460</u>	<u>89,865</u>	<u>1,968,325</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	<u>60,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,462</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	38,954	13,742	52,696
Restricted	35,698	133,597	169,295
Committed	853,286	121,499	974,785
Assigned	40,700	-	40,700
Unassigned	710,356	-	710,356
Total fund balances	<u>1,678,994</u>	<u>268,838</u>	<u>1,947,832</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,617,916</u>	<u>\$ 358,703</u>	<u>\$ 3,976,619</u>

ANDOVER FIRE DISTRICT 1 MEETING MINUTES 2017

March 22, 2017

The annual meeting of the Andover Fire District No. 1 was held on March 22, 2017. Moderator Mark Stetson called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made by Andy Guptill and seconded by John Kinney that the minutes of the 2016 annual district meeting be accepted as published in the Town Report. The motion was approved, all in favor.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the report of the treasurer, auditor, commissioners, and fire chief. A motion was made by John Kinney and seconded by Les Fenton to accept the reports of the treasurer and fire chief as printed in the Town Report. The auditor's report was read by Fred Lance.

Andy Guptill gave the commissioner's report. He stated that a lot of time this year has been devoted to consolidating the Andover Fire District and the East Andover Fire Precinct, which is addressed in Article 6, and which we will be speaking about shortly.

Commissioner John Kinney added that the new rescue truck is in service and asked all in attendance to take a tour of the new truck after the meeting. Andy Guptill added that, if the budget is approved, the truck will be paid off this year, and some money will be added to the capital reserve fund.

ARTICLE 3: To elect the necessary officers for the ensuing term. Les

Fenton nominated Mark Stetson for moderator for one year. Andy Guptill seconded the nomination. Mark Stetson was unanimously elected.

Andy Guptill nominated Fred Lance for treasurer for one year. John Kinney seconded the nomination. Fred Lance was unanimously elected.

Andy Guptill nominated Brenda Lance for clerk for one year. John Kinney seconded the nomination. Brenda Lance was elected unanimously.

Andy Guptill nominated John Kinney as commissioner for three years. Fred Lance seconded the nomination. John Kinney was elected unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,275 as the operating budget of the Andover Fire Department, District 1, with \$2,437 to come from the unassigned fund balance resulting in an estimated \$69,838 to be raised by taxes.

The unassigned fund balance is composed of \$1,975, which is the balance of the unexpended 2016 appropriation; \$247, which is the 2016 surplus from district taxes collected by the Town of Andover; \$65 from checking account interest; and \$150 from sale of surplus equipment.

Andy Guptill spoke to the increase in the insurance line item. This year we had a firefighter injured while working on fire apparatus. There have been ongoing issues with

Workmen's Compensation, and litigation is still pending. We determined we needed to protect our membership and purchased an additional insurance policy using our own funds. We are asking the Town to pay for this insurance policy going forward.

John Kinney moved to approve the budget as printed. Andy Guptill seconded. The article was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the district will vote to authorize the commissioners to sell the 1992 International Tanker known as 31 Tanker 1 by any manner that they determine to be in the best interest of the district. John Kinney moved the article, and Marj Roy seconded. The meeting voted unanimously in favor of the article.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters of the District, contingent upon approval of a reciprocal Warrant Article in the East Andover Fire Precinct and approval of the Select Board, vote to consolidate the Andover and East Andover Fire Districts, including dissolving the East Andover Fire Precinct, transferring all assets and setting boundaries of the Andover Fire District to include the entire Town of Andover, New Hampshire. This shall be effective January 1, 2018.

Mark Stetson noted that the article was approved by the East Andover Fire Precinct last night and has been approved by the Select Board. A vote was taken by raising hands. There

were nine Yes votes and zero opposed. Representatives of the Supervisors of the Checklist monitored the vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the District will vote to change the number of commissioners from three to five effective January 1, 2018 contingent on the passage of Article 6.

Andy Guptill explained that as of January 1, 2018, the East Andover Fire Precinct (EAFP) will no longer


exist. The three existing EAFP commissioners will be appointed to fill the open positions until elections can be held at the next district meeting.

Les Fenton moved the article, and Marj Roy seconded it. The article was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Andy Guptill stated that he would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to bring this

merger to fruition, specifically the commissioners, the chief, and former commissioner Les Fenton.

Les Fenton stated that this has been a dream of his for over 25 years, and at times he did not know if he would live to see it completed. He was moved and proud to be here tonight to witness this event.

The meeting was adjourned by Mark Stetson at 7:17 PM. 

EAST ANDOVER FIRE PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES 2017

March 21, 2017

The annual meeting of the East Andover Fire Precinct was held on March 21, 2017 at 7 PM. Ed Becker made a motion that Mark Stetson act as moderator *pro tem* as the elected moderator, Joann Hicks, was not present. Rene Lefebvre seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mark Stetson asked the Supervisors of the Checklist for the plan to check in voters. The decision was made to wait until the ballot vote on Article 4 to check in voters.

ARTICLE 1: To choose the necessary officers for the ensuing term: moderator for one year; auditor for one year; commissioner for three years.

Rene Lefebvre nominated JoAnn Hicks as moderator, seconded by Roger Kidder. Joann Hicks was elected unanimously.

Jeff Miller nominated Ed Hiller for auditor. Rene Lefebvre seconded the nomination. Ed Hiller was elected unanimously.

Glenn Haley nominated Greg Stetson for commissioner for three years. Rene Lefebvre seconded the nomination. Greg Stetson was elected unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the treasurer, the auditor, the commissioners, and the fire chief.

Ed Hiller made a motion to accept the reports of the treasurer and fire chief as printed in the Town Report. The motion as seconded by Jeff Miller. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Auditor Ed Hiller read the auditor's report and provided a written, signed copy. Greg Stetson gave the commissioners' report, stating that the fire department has been running smoothly for the past year, and he would have more to say shortly on Article 4. Scott Kidder moved that we accept the auditor's and commissioners' reports as given. Jeff Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,950 as the operating budget of the East Andover Fire Precinct, with \$1,712 to come from the unassigned fund balance resulting in an estimated \$63,238 to be raised by taxes. That fund balance is composed of the unexpended 2016 operating budget of \$147; the additional precinct taxes received of \$1,214; \$350 received from Andover Fire Department for parts sold off of Engine 4; and \$1 in bank interest.

Ed Hiller moved the article. Scott Kidder seconded the article. A question was asked on the increase in the insurance line item, as it is almost double the amount from 2016. Chief Lefebvre explained that we had a firefighter injured this year while working on a piece of fire apparatus. The Town's Workmen's Compensation insurance should have covered this claim, but there were issues. There is ongoing litigation, so he did

not feel comfortable providing further detail.

Due to this issue, the membership purchased additional insurance, using money that the firefighters raise through fund raising, that would cover future claims. Going forward, we are asking the town to pay for this insurance.

Roger Kidder asked how this insurance is different from what we have now. Chief Lefebvre responded that he contacted many fire departments around the state, and this company came highly recommended by everyone he spoke with. This company is in the business of insuring firefighters, and a large percentage of fire departments in the state purchase insurance from this company.

Hearing no further discussion, the moderator called for the vote on the budget. The article passed with a unanimous vote. At this time, Joann Hicks took over the role of moderator.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters of the Precinct, contingent upon approval of a reciprocal Warrant Article in Andover Fire District 1 and approval of the Select Board, vote to consolidate the Andover and East Andover Fire Districts, including dissolving the East Andover Fire Precinct, transferring all assets and setting boundaries of the Andover Fire District to include the entire Town of Andover, New Hampshire. This shall be effective January 1, 2018. (2/3 majority vote required)

The article was moved by Glenn Haley and seconded by Scott Kidder. Chief Lefebvre gave a presentation on why the precinct is proposing combining the two departments. The

chief explained that the two fire departments have been operating as one for several years now. There is one chief, one chain of command, and all firefighters respond, train, and work together. This is the final step in the process that was started several years ago.

Chief Lefebvre stated that we have heard rumors that the fire department was planning to purchase a ladder truck and to shut down one fire station. He stated that we have no plans to purchase a ladder truck, as both Franklin and New London have ladder trucks that we can call on via mutual aid if the need arises; and that we plan to maintain the two fire stations for the foreseeable future. We have a large town, area-wise, and having a station on each end of town allows for faster response times.

Mark Stetson was asked to speak to the tax inequity that currently exists between the two districts. Mark stated that East Andover Fire Precinct has more homes, more lake-front, and more power lines, which results in a higher evaluation and therefore a lower tax rate. However, the Andover Fire District will see some increases in its evaluation this year due to new construction in the district.

Jeff Newcomb asked about the East Andover Fire Precinct having \$25,000 in its capital reserve fund while Andover has nothing in its capital reserve fund. Commissioner Greg Stetson responded that the Andover Fire District is bringing a new rescue truck that cost over \$200,000 into the merger. The rescue truck will be paid off this year,

and Andover will be adding over \$15,000 to its capital reserve fund. He further stated that this merger is like a marriage, you can't look at what each party is bringing into the relationship, you need to look to the future.

Roger Kidder stated that he was a commissioner of the East Andover Fire Precinct for 33 years up until just a couple of years ago. As a commissioner, he worked hard to keep the budget level and is concerned with the tax increase. The Andover Fire District budget has been consistently higher, and now East Andover Fire Precinct taxpayers will have to pay more.

Chief Lefebvre responded that we are working hard to bring in grant money to offset tax increases. This year we received a grant of almost \$150,000 to purchase new air packs for the department. We will continue to pursue grants, and the merger will allow us to reduce the number of trucks we must maintain.

He also explained that we really are correcting a tax inequity that has existed in town for many years.

Jeff Newcomb asked what would happen to the East Andover Fire Station itself. Chief Lefebvre stated that it would transfer to the Andover Fire Department.

Mark Stetson called for the vote. The moderator asked East Andover Fire Precinct eligible voters to proceed to the table manned by the Supervisors of the Checklist to check in and receive a ballot. Once there was no longer a line to vote, the moderator called the meeting back to order

and asked if there were there was anyone else present who wished to vote on the article. Seeing none, the moderator declared the voting on Article 4 closed.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.


Jeff Newcomb made a motion to reconsider the budget. George

Rochon seconded the motion. The moderator called for the vote on the motion on the floor. It was defeated.

Mark Stetson made a motion to limit reconsideration of the budget. Jeff Miller seconded the motion. The vote was called. The motion passed.

Mark Stetson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Stetson seconded the motion. The motion

passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Shortly after the meeting was adjourned, the Supervisors of the Checklist returned with the vote count on Article 4. Sixty-four votes were cast. There were 55 Yes votes and nine No votes. Article 4 was approved. 

ANDOVER VILLAGE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES 2017

March 20, 2017

Acting Moderator Joseph Vercellotti called the meeting to order on March 20, 2017 at 7 PM. The following is a summary of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 1: To hear the report of the last annual meeting. The minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting were read and accepted.

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the commissioners, treasurer, and auditor.

The commissioners gave a brief summary of the work accomplished in 2015. An additional commissioner is needed.

Logging was done on the Hall Road property owned by the District; the valve on North Street was replaced; telemetry repair was completed at the tank at Proctor; the hydrant on North Street was repaired; the risers in front of Proctor were repaired; a leak was repaired in front of Main Street garage; maintenance

was done at the infiltration pond, and a tree below the plant was removed.

The treasurers' report was read and accepted. Douglas Martin reviewed the 2016 financials and completed the MS-60.

ARTICLE 3: To elect the necessary officers for the ensuing year:

Commissioner for three years: Toby nominated Joseph; Lisa seconded the motion, and the motion was accepted.

Moderator for one year: Lisa nominated Joseph; Toby seconded the motion, and the motion was accepted.


ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to accept and expend any federal and/or state grants received by the District. Accepted

ARTICLE 5: To see if the District will vote to accept water rents totaling an estimated \$65,000 to be billed at a gallonage rate with a user fee. Accepted.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Andover Village District Capital Reserve Account previously established. Accepted

ARTICLE 7: To see if the District will accept the budget of \$71,550 as recommended by the commissioners and presented by the Budget Committee and to raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the budget. Accepted.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting. The plant needs to be power washed this year and sealed with Thompson Water Seal; the raw water leak near the plant needs to be repaired.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. 

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2017-12/31/2017

--ANDOVER--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
POLLARD, JEMMA JEAN	01/07/2017	CONCORD, NH	POLLARD, IAN	POLLARD, MELISSA
HAMMOND, KAYLEE LYNN	01/08/2017	LEBANON, NH	HAMMOND, CHRISTOPHER	HAMMOND, CRYSTAL
COTNOIR, HARPER LYNN	02/06/2017	CONCORD, NH	COTNOIR II, RICHARD	COTNOIR, LISA
ELLIS, WYATT WILLIS	02/25/2017	CONCORD, NH	ELLIS, ANDREW	MILAN, JUSTINE
GILMAN, ABIGAIL PATRICIA	05/03/2017	LEBANON, NH	GILMAN, JACOB	GILMAN, JILL
FISHER, EMBER MAE	05/09/2017	CONCORD, NH	FISHER, PETER	FISHER, KAYLA
BROWN, MABEL LORRAINE	05/24/2017	CONCORD, NH	BROWN, JAMES	GRIFFIN-BROWN, KELLY
MILLER, CHARLOTTE MICHELLE	06/04/2017	LEBANON, NH	MILLER, ANTHONY	CASAVANT, KEELEY
DONALDSON, EVELYN ASTRID	06/19/2017	CONCORD, NH	DONALDSON, ANDREW	DONALDSON, KRISTY
DRAGUN, FELIX SILVER	07/14/2017	CONCORD, NH	DRAGUN, JAMES	DRAGUN, ELIZABETH
JOHNSON, LAURALEI ELIZABETH	09/26/2017	LEBANON, NH	JOHNSON, TIMOTHY	JOHNSON, JULINE
MERZI, BENJAMIN SCOTT	09/27/2017	CONCORD, NH	MERZI, DANIEL	MERZI, KASSIE
MCDANIEL, JASON CARTER	10/03/2017	LEBANON, NH	MCDANIEL, TIMOTHY	MCDANIEL, ALYSSA
KIDDER, MARINA ROSE	12/03/2017	CONCORD, NH	KIDDER, SCOTT	BODWELL, JENNY
MERZI, WYATT JAMES	12/10/2017	CONCORD, NH	MERZI JR, ANDREW	MERZI, LEAH
LUICHA, ROSE MARIE	12/26/2017	CONCORD, NH	LUICHA, ELISHA	LUICHA, ALEXIS

Total number of records 16

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

-- ANDOVER --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
CERINO, STEPHANIE G NORTH SUTTON, NH	HURLBUTT, ROBERT C ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	ANDOVER	04/22/2017
DAWALGA, JUSTIN M ANDOVER, NH	PERLUPO, MIRANDA A ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	PITTSFIELD	06/03/2017
CHAPLAIN, ROBERT D ANDOVER, NH	SOUTH, KELLY A ANDOVER, NH	DANBURY	DANBURY	06/03/2017
ININGER, KIRSTEN M ANDOVER, NH	BECKFORD, SHAWN R ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	ANDOVER	06/10/2017
YOUNG, SUSAN R ANDOVER, NH	SECARECCIO, MARK A ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	CONCORD	06/28/2017
CARR, DAVID A ANDOVER, NH	KULACZ, KIMBERLY A ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	LACONIA	07/21/2017
FARRELL, CHRISTOPHER L ANDOVER, NH	MARTIN, KRISTEN G ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	CORNISH	08/12/2017
SCOTT, ERIC C HILLSBOROUGH, NH	SHERMAN, TINA M ANDOVER, NH	LYNDEBOROUGH	PETERBOROUGH	08/17/2017
BATES, DAVID J ANDOVER, NH	POURBY, DONNA T ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	ANDOVER	08/26/2017
DELANEY, DANIEL R ANDOVER, NH	MARCUM, KRISTIN L ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	ANDOVER	09/30/2017
SCHAEFER, JASON K ANDOVER, NH	WILLIAMS, ALICIA L ANDOVER, NH	ANDOVER	ANDOVER	10/14/2017

Total number of records 11

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

--ANDOVER, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
PUMPHRET, DIANE	01/26/2017	ANDOVER	MACKENNA, IRVING	REMINGTON, DOROTHY	N
JOHNSON, ERIC	03/14/2017	CONCORD	JOHNSON, LEONARD	PAIGE, PATRICIA	N
CRANE, GEORGE	03/18/2017	ANDOVER	CRANE, GEORGE	HOWELL, GERTRUDE	N
DOE, BARBARA	05/01/2017	BOSCAWEN	WENTWORTH, ARTHUR	CLAPPER, ADA	N
HENDERSON, ROGER	05/02/2017	EAST ANDOVER	HENDERSON, PERLEY	HANSON, ELSIE	Y
NEWTON, MAVIS	07/15/2017	BOSCAWEN	HENDERSON, PERLEY	HANSON, ELSIE	N
SHAW, HALE	08/31/2017	FRANKLIN	SHAW, FRANK	GILPATRICK, GERTRUDE	N
SMITH, THEODORE	09/18/2017	NEW LONDON	SMITH, GEORGE	SHEA, ADA	N
SEGALINI, ELIZABETH	10/06/2017	FRANKLIN	COULSON, RAYMOND	LUTI, DORIS	N
NYE, IRENE	10/10/2017	EAST ANDOVER	BIERCZYNSKI, BRONISLAW	KOPANSKI, ANNA	N
PRENTICE, BEVERLY	10/16/2017	LACONIA	KEYSER, CLARENCE	MAYHEW, HAZEL	N
SAWYER, L DENNIS	11/12/2017	NEW LONDON	SAWYER, FRANK	FISH, MURIEL	N

Total number of records 12

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NOTES

TOWN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Cemetery Trustees

1st Monday, 7 PM, Andover Library

Conservation Commission

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Emergency Medical Services

2nd Wednesday, 7 PM, East Andover Fire Station

Fire Department

Every Monday, 7 PM, Andover Fire Station

Fourth of July Committee

1st Wednesday, 7 PM, Andover Fire Station

Library Trustees

3rd Thursday (except July and August), 7 PM
Andover Library or Bachelder Library

Planning Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 PM

Recreation Committee

2nd Tuesday, 7 PM, AE/MS

School Board

1st Tuesday (except July), 6:30 PM, AE/MS

Select Board

1st & 3rd Monday, 6:30 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment

3rd Tuesday, 7 PM

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TOWN OFFICE HOURS

TOWN OFFICE: Mon–Thu, 9–2

Fridays by appointment only

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR:

Direct line: 735-5018

Mon, Wed, & Thu, 9–2

Tue, 1:30–6:30

Last Saturday of month, 9–11

(except on long holiday weekends)

ZONING CODE ADMINISTRATOR: Tues, 6–7

TRANSFER STATION:

Wed, 7–5 (7–6 during Daylight Time)

Contractors Only: Fri, 12–5

Sat, 7–5

SWAP EVENT (May–Oct):

2nd Sat (rain date: 3rd Sat)

*For more information, call 735-5332
or visit Andover-NH.gov.*

LIBRARY HOURS

ANDOVER LIBRARY

Mon, 6:30–8:30

Wed, 9–12 & 6:30–8:30

Thu, 12:30–4:30

Sat, 10–12

BACHELDER LIBRARY

Tues, 9–12:30 & 6:30–8:30

Thu, 3–5 & 6:30–8:30

Fri, 1:30–5

BOTH LIBRARIES: 735-5333

TOWN MEETINGS 2018

School District – March 5, 7 PM, AE/MS

Voting – March 13, 11 AM to 7 PM, AE/MS

Town Meeting – March 13, 7 PM, AE/MS

Village District – March 19, 7 PM, Town Hall

Andover Fire District – March 20, 7:30 PM, East Andover Fire Station